

**POLICY E.12**

Subject:       **Licensure Portability**

Code:         **RA Motion 2016AprilC7**

**PURPOSE:**   To state the Association’s position on licensure portability.

**IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT:**

1.       Association Policy E.10 *Definition of Occupational Therapy Practice for State Regulation* and the *Model Occupational Therapy Practice Act* will be promoted when providing comments, feedback, or input to potential changes in state regulatory language to ensure state-by-state uniformity of state licensure requirements. Refer to Policy E.9 *Licensure* for additional information regarding the Association’s position on specific requirements.
2.       The expanded mobility of occupational therapy practitioners and clients, the expanded geographic service areas covered by health care systems, and the use of telehealth as part of our nation’s health care delivery system require greater coordination and cooperation among states in the areas of licensure and regulation.
3.       The uniformity of licensure requirements for occupational therapy practitioners throughout the states promotes public safety and public health benefits.
4.       Efforts to improve the state regulation of the profession shall be supported, as many members consider the current system of obtaining licensure for occupational therapy practitioners in multiple states to be time consuming, expensive, and burdensome.
5.       Licensure portability models are being implemented by other health professions and federations of state licensure boards that include adequate safeguards to protect the public. Therefore, the Association believes that licensure portability should be implemented for the occupational therapy profession across the states.
6.       State licensure models that allow for licensure portability, including but not limited to an interstate licensure compact for occupational therapy, are supported.

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