TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
CHAPTER 30. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND ASSISTANTS

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

435:30-1-2. Definitions [AMENDED]
435:30-1-3. Licensure by examination [AMENDED]
435:30-1-4. Licensure by endorsement [AMENDED]
435:30-1-5. License renewal; late fees; continuing education; re-entry guidelines [AMENDED]
435:30-1-8. [REVOKED]
435:30-1-9. Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee [AMENDED]
435:30-1-10. Grounds for disciplinary action [AMENDED]
435:30-1-11. [REVOKED]
435:30-1-12. [REVOKED]
435:30-1-13. Fees [AMENDED]
435:30-1-14. [REVOKED]
435:30-1-15. Supervision of students, new graduates, techs and aides [AMENDED]
435:30-1-16. Supervision [AMENDED]
435:30-1-17. Role of Occupational Therapy Assistants in evaluations [AMENDED]
435:30-1-18. Telehealth regulations [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("OMB") proposes these amendments to modernize and update the Occupational Therapy administrative rules, including the removal of duplicative or unnecessary language, the standardization of punctuation, and the alignment to national standards for capitalization and Occupational Therapy terminology. Specifically, the amendments align telemedicine definitions with the Oklahoma Telemedicine Act, update language to be more inclusive of all Occupational Therapy professional associations, and remove references to a Board-administered examination to align with current practice. For continuing education requirements, the proposed changes clarify and simplify language for continuing education requirements, remove continuing education categories that are unverifiable or no longer used, add an administrative fine as a disciplinary option for failure to comply with continuing education requirements, remove separate telehealth continuing education requirements, and update the audit process for continuing education to align with other OMB professions and reflect current practices. Additionally, the amendments update licensee reporting requirements to the OMB, remove separate provisions specific to occupational therapy assistants, and remove unnecessary language and requirements for the Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee. The amendments clarify the grounds for disciplinary action to improve readability, consolidate similar provisions, remove redundancy, and add relevant citations. The disciplinary hearing provision was removed, as these are conducted at the Board level, and the Federal Employment provision was removed, as it is already addressed in statute. Finally, the amendments modernize and remove unnecessary language regarding supervision of students and clarify remote supervision requirements for occupational therapy assistants.

AUTHORITY:

2021 Okla. Sess. Laws ch. 549, § 1 (codified at 36 O.S. § 6802); 2021 Okla. Sess. Laws ch. 293, § 1 (codified at 36 O.S. § 6802); 59 O.S. §§ 888.3(1), (3), (8); 888.7(B), (D); 888.8(B); 888.9(A)(2); 888.10(A), (C); 888.11; 888.12; 888.13(A); 888.14(B), (C).

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present their views in writing may do so by 5:00 p.m. October 16, 2026, via email at Barbara.Smith@medicalboard.ok.gov or at the following address during normal business hours: Attn: Barbara Smith, Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. No written comments will be accepted after the conclusion of the written comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Oklahoma State Board of

Medical Licensure and Supervision, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. All persons wishing to speak must be present and signed in by 9:05 a.m. Designees will not be allowed to sign in for persons wishing to speak.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision website at www.okmedicalboard.org under the Occupational Therapists and Assistants tab or you may request a copy in person at 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., Section 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and will be available in the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision office at the address listed above and on the Board's website at www.okmedicalboard.org under the Occupational Therapists and Assistants tab on or before September 30, 2026.

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