

Related Services Update

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When is consent and/or a prescription required for OT, ST, and PT services?

Consent

Informed consent is required for OT, PT, and ST evaluations in all public schools in the United States. Informed consent means a parent/legal guardian has been informed of all relevant information about the evaluation process and provides written confirmation of consent. (IDEA, 1990). A parent can revoke consent at any point, and consent for initial evaluation does not equate to consent for treatment. However, consent is not required for a screening, according to IDEA (1990). A screening is a relatively quick, and simple tool used to assess individuals who may be at risk for delay while an evaluation is a much more in-depth assessment that takes parent report, observation, history, and other factors into consideration to decide whether or not an individual requires intervention.

Prescription

Policies related to physician's prescription requirements for OT/PT/ST vary by state and can be found in that profession's state practice act. In Oklahoma, for students who receive physical, occupational, or speech therapy under IDEA or Section 504 a prescription from the physician is not needed. However, if a related service provider plans to provide **medically** necessary services and bill to SoonerCare, also known as Medicaid, a physician's referral IS required. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program allows public schools the ability to provide medically necessary services to SoonerCare members.

This issue:

- Consent/script for therapy services
- Survey!
- Current openings
- Related services conference
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We need your help! If you would like to help us to better support related services in the state of Oklahoma, please complete this survey and share with teachers, administrators, therapists, and parents. We need everybody's input!

[Related Services Survey](#)

Current Openings

Edmond Public Schools is looking to fill three full time Occupational Therapy positions for the 2018-2019 school year. Contact nancy.goosen@edmondschools.net for more information. You can complete an application online at www.edmondschools.net.

If you need technical assistance regarding related services, looking for related services providers, or are a current related services provider looking for work in the schools, contact Tara Warwick at twarwick@todaystherapysolutions.com.

Spring Related Services Conference

Breaking old habits: Re-thinking service delivery in the schools

Our related services conference is scheduled for **Thursday, April 26, 2018** and will be located at the Moore-Norman Vo-Tech Center. The conference is **FREE** to related services providers and administrators! 7.0 CEU hours pending board approval for OT, PT, and Speech. Below is the tentative schedule.

| Time | | |
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| 8:30-8:45 | Welcome | |
| 8:45-10:00 | Breaking Old Habits: Re-Thinking Service Delivery | |
| 10:00-10:15 | Break | |
| 10:15-11:30 | The Art of Collaboration | |
| 11:30-1:00 | Lunch | |
| 1:00-2:15 | Work Backward: The Art of Creating Goals | Do's and Don'ts for Assessment Teaming |
| 2:15-2:30 | Break | |
| 2:30-3:45 | It's Not Just for General Education Teachers | Understanding Medical Necessity |
| 3:45-4:00 | Adjournment | |

To register: [Related Services Conference](#)

Upcoming Trainings & Resources

April 17, 2018, Strengthening Supervision: SLP Supervision of the CF and SLP-A, Oklahoma City, OK

Today's Consulting Solutions, 405-286-3749

To register: www.todaysconsultingsolutions.com