

Advocacy Resources

AOTA Public Affairs Resources

Advocacy & Policy

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy

The home page for AOTA's Congressional, Regulatory, and State Policy work. You can find the latest news and links to information about the work of the department and how you can get involved.

AOTA State Affairs Resources

State Policy and Licensure

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/State-Policy

AOTA is in your state, too! State Affairs and Health Policy staff work with state occupational therapy association leaders on issues such as assuring licensure, protecting scope of practice, and implementing health insurance options. This section of the website has information about state regulation of the occupational therapy profession, including contact information for state licensing boards.

Please contact the State Affairs Group at stpd@aota.org if you have questions about the state regulation of occupational therapy.

AOTA Regulatory Affairs Resources

Federal Regulatory Affairs

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Federal-Reg-Affairs

AOTA's Regulatory Affairs department advocates for fair coverage and payment policies for occupational therapy by Medicare and other public and private payers. We analyze statutes, regulations, agency guidance, and court decisions relating to reimbursement of health care services and supplies. We draft responsive comment letters, provide input to federal agency staff, challenge problematic coverage policies, and craft educational materials for members. Focus areas for the department include: compliance with Medicare Part A and B rules, payment reform, post-acute care bundling, coding and billing, quality reporting, and cost-effectiveness. We are available to address member questions regarding regulatory and reimbursement matters, as well as to present at state and national conferences.



Medicare

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Federal-Reg-Affairs/Medicare

Documentation

www.aota.org/Practice/Manage/Reimb

Coding & Billing

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Federal-Reg-Affairs/Coding

OT Evaluation Code Resources

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Federal-Reg-Affairs/Coding/new-OT-CPT-evaluation-codes

Payment Reform and Alternative Payment Models

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Federal-Reg-Affairs/Medicare/alternative-payment-models

Regulatory & Payment Issues in the News

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Federal-Reg-Affairs/News

Regulatory Affairs Contact Email Address

regulatory@aota.org

AOTA Federal Affairs Resources

Congressional Affairs

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Congressional-Affairs

Federal policy, although sometimes seemingly far removed from practice, directly affects YOU as a clinician, student, educator, business owner, consultant, researcher, entrepreneur, and any other occupational therapy role. Federal policy affects every aspect of your career, from where you practice to what you are paid, and even whether you are able to practice at all. If you have any questions, please contact the Federal Affairs department at fad@aota.org.

Congressional Affairs Tips & Tools

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Congressional-Affairs/Tips-and-Tools

Here you will find information on planning a trip to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, how to organize and prepare for your congressional meetings, tips on how to be an effective advocate, and materials/information to bring to your legislators.

Federal News and Legislative Updates

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Congressional-Affairs/Legislative-Issues-Update

Find all the news and latest updates regarding important policy and Congressional developments.

Take Action Page

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Congressional-Affairs/Take-Action

This page serves as a guide on how to take action to advocate on behalf of occupational therapy when speaking with federal staff and officials. This resource has a particular focus on what you can do at home.

About Congressional Affairs

www.aota.org/Advocacy-Policy/Congressional-Affairs/AboutCongressionalAffairs

Learn about the Congressional Affairs Team at AOTA and how to contact them.

Legislative Action Center

www.aota.org/takeaction

Send a message to your Representatives and Senators regarding federal issues and legislation AOTA is working on to promote and defend occupational therapy. You can also find more information on AOTA's federal priorities, and learn about your members of Congress and where they stand on our issues.

AOTPAC

www.aota.org/AOTPAC

Want to learn more about AOTPAC? What is a PAC, or AOTPAC? What are the rules and where does the money go? How do you raise money? Who can contribute? Who sits on AOTPAC's board? All of those answers and more can be found on the website above.

Hill Day

www.aota.org/Conference-Events/Hill-Day

Capitol Hill Day is an annual event organized by AOTA for OT advocates to visit their representatives in Washington, DC! This site provides updates and resources, so you have everything you need to participate.

CommunOT

<https://communot.aota.org/home>

AOTA Policy staff members often write blogs on CommunOT. AOTA's blogs can be found at the bottom of the main page or by clicking on the tab, "AOTA's Blog" found in the header. You can also do a search for #PublicAffairs to find all of our blogs.

AOTA Publications

AJOT—Health Policy Perspectives

Health Policy Perspectives is an opinion column that highlights the nexus between policy and practice. It is written by occupational therapy practitioners, sometimes in conjunction with AOTA staff. Recent columns have included articles on Primary Care for Underserved Populations, Client-Centered Advocacy, The Role of Occupational Therapy in Case Management and Care Coordination for Clients with Complex Conditions, and Population Health and Occupational Therapy. Access to *AJOT* is included in AOTA membership.

OT Practice—Capital Report

Every issue of *OT Practice* includes a Capital Report that features news from State, Federal, and Regulatory policy issues. This column is designed to keep you up to date and provide insight into the latest policy actions and changes. *OT Practice* is included in AOTA membership.