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I have recently read the proposed changes to PA. OT licensure. I do not believe that your proposed changes will improve the practice of occupational therapy in our state. I do believe that it will add another layer of fees and regulations and discourage some fine OT's from providing the care that their patients need. We are already charged by NBCOT to meet educational standards to receive our "R". If it is standards that you want, why not use the national standard already in place. I believe that we as a practice should continue our education in order to keep abreast with the latest treatments which may benefit our patients. But I have met many writers that cannot relate to people and their needs; teachers who can provide knowledge but cannot work in the field and mentors who receive credit for providing the service but where not committed to the process. So what makes you believe that requiring these changes will result in better therapists?

I have been in this field for 16 years and have seen many young therapists pass through working with patients to management positions for various reasons. But those who continue working with patients in spite of the barriers thrown at therapists by PPS, efficiency quotas and the challenge of getting/finding items needed for treatment, are good for and with people. Don't place another obstacle in their path.



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