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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Section 72413@ Occupational Therapy Service Unit-Services

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(a)

"Occupational therapy service" means those services ordered by the licensed healthcare practitioner acting within the scope of his or professional licensure in which selected purposeful activity is used as treatment in the rehabilitation of persons with a physical or mental disability.

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(c)

An occupational therapy service unit shall meet the following requirements: (1) Patient health records shall contain pertinent information and signed orders for treatment. (2) Notes shall be written and entered in the patient's health record after completion of each procedure. The note shall indicate the procedure(s) performed, the reaction of the patient to the procedure(s) and shall be signed by the occupational therapist. (3) Initial and continuing assessment, development of a treatment plan and discharge summary shall be written and entered in each

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