
Outpatient Physical Therapy/ Speech Pathology (OPT/SP) Providers



An OPT/SP provider provides an integrated interdisciplinary rehabilitation program designed to upgrade the physical functioning of disabled individuals by bringing specialized rehabilitation staff together to perform as a team and provide at a minimum the following services: physical therapy or speech-language pathology services and social or vocational adjustment services.

OPT/SP Federal and State Requirements

In Idaho, OPT/SP providers are governed by federal certification regulations. Idaho has no state licensure rules for OPT/SP providers. Applicable federal certification requirements are found in the State Operations Manual (SOM), Chapter 2 § [Chapter 2 § 2290](#), [Appendix E](#), and [Appendix Q](#). A brief overview of the regulations is provided below. Please refer to the SOM and Appendices for additional information.



Appendix E – Guidance to Surveyors: Outpatient Physical Therapy/Speech Pathology



[Appendix E](#) includes the federal statutory designation, the regulatory language, and interpretive guidance. The regulations are divided into Conditions of Participation (CoPs or Conditions) and standard level requirements.

CoPs represent the overall services and supports an OPT/SP must provide. Under each CoP are the standard level regulations associated with that CoP. The purpose of the interpretive guidance is to clarify the information that is relevant to specific requirements, and to assist in consistent decision-making about facility compliance.

Appendix Q – Guidelines for Determining Immediate Jeopardy

[Appendix Q](#) provides guidance specific to situations of Immediate Jeopardy. Jeopardy is defined as a situation in which the entity's noncompliance "...has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury, harm, impairment, or death to a resident receiving care in a facility".

The three components of Immediate Jeopardy are *Harm*, *Immediacy*, and *Culpability*. Harm may be actual or potential; immediacy means the harm is likely to occur in the very near future if immediate action is not taken; and culpability asks if the entity knew or should have known about the situation.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding the OPTOSP program, please visit the CMS site for Outpatient Rehabilitation Providers at: [OPT/SP](#)

- ❑ [Application Process](#)
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