

H.B. 24 Health Care Professional Licensing Amendments

Sponsor(s): Brad Daw, Allen M Christensen

Summary

- Adds multiple provisions of unprofessional conduct, such as “knowingly entering false or misleading information on a medical record or knowingly altering a medical record for the purpose of concealing any circumstance related to the health care provided to a patient.”
- Also adds: “Indirect supervision” means the same as that term is defined by the division by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act

UOTA Position: Neutral for now, need more information

H.B. 86 Adult Autism Treatment Program

Sponsor(s): Craig Hall

Summary

- Creates and describes the operation of this treatment program.
- “Qualified individual” means an individual who is at least 22 years of age, is a resident of the state, has been diagnosed by a qualified professional as having an autism spectrum disorder or another neurodevelopmental disorder requiring significant supports through treatment using applied behavior analysis and needs significant supports for a condition described in Subsection 6c as demonstrated by formal assessments of the individual’s cognitive ability, adaptive ability, behavior, and communication ability.
- “Qualified provider” means a provider that is qualified under Section 26-67-202 to provide services for the program... 1) an individual who has a doctorate degree in psychology, is a licensed behavior analyst practicing in the state, and has treated adults with an autism spectrum disorder for at least three years 2) an individual who is employed by the department and has professional experience with the treatment of ASD, 3) three individuals who have firsthand experience with autism spectrum disorders and the effects, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of autism spectrum disorders, including family members, association representatives, and specialists or professions who work with adults with an autism spectrum disorder

UOTA Position: Preliminary support, determining if language regarding “qualified provider” is appropriate

H.B. 87 Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program

Sponsor(s): Raymond Ward, Daniel Hemmert

Summary

- List of “Geriatric professionals” includes occupational therapist
- “Underserved area” means an area designated by the department as underserved by health care professionals, based on the results of a needs assessment developed by the department in consultation with the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program Advisory Committee created under Section 26-46-103.
- The department may provide education loan repayment assistance to an eligible professional if the eligible professional:
 - agrees to practice in an underserved area for the duration of the eligible professional’s participation in the program, and
 - submits a written commitment from the health care facility employing the eligible professional that the health care facility will provide education loan repayment

assistance to the eligible professional in an amount equal to 20% of the total award amount provided to the eligible professional

UOTA Position: Preliminary support, may recommend that list includes occupational therapy assistant and physical therapy assistant

H.B. 106 Rare Disease Advisory Council

Sponsor(s): Lee B. Perry

Summary

- Creates Rare Disease Advisory Council within the Department of Health
- Requires at least one representative from the University of Utah
- Possibly includes repeal of Pediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund and Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Fund on January 1, 2023

UOTA Position: Neutral for now - determine repeal details

H.B. 108 Medical Specialists in Public Schools

Sponsor(s): Carol Spackman Moss

Summary

- Permits an LEA to adopt separate schedules for employees who provide certain special education related medical services in a school-based setting.
- "Occupational therapist", SLP, and PT are specifically mentioned

UOTA Position: Preliminary support, may recommend that list includes occupational therapy assistant and physical therapy assistant

H.B. 141 Educator Salary Incentive Program Amendments

Sponsor(s): Val K. Potter, Lyle W. Hillyard

Summary

- Pro-rates full time equivalent (FTE) according to this schedule:

Years of Experience	Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's +30 Qt. Hr.	Master's Degree	Master's Degree +45 Qt. Hr.	Doctorate
1	1.00	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.20
2	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.25
3	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.30
4	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.35
5	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.35	1.40
6	1.25	1.30	1.35	1.40	1.45
7	1.30	1.35	1.40	1.45	1.50
8	1.35	1.40	1.45	1.50	1.55
9			1.50	1.55	1.60
10				1.60	1.65
11					1.70

- Under list of “educators”, physical therapist, speech pathologist, teachers, social workers, etc. are included, but “occupational therapist” is not included

UOTA Position: Support if OT included on the list!

S.B. 23 DOPL Licensing Amendments

Sponsor(s): Curtis S. Bramble, James A. Dunnigan

Summary

- Removes language related to “good moral character”

UOTA Position: Support

S.B. 44 Limited Support Services Waiver Amendments

Sponsor(s):

Summary

- Attempts to encourage home-based treatment for individuals who
- A “direct service provider is a person who provides services people with a severe, chronic disability attributable to:
 - an intellectual disability
 - a physical disability
 - a brain injury, or:
 - a condition that limits one or more of:
 - self-care
 - receptive/expressive language
 - learning
 - mobility
 - self-direction
 - capacity for independent living
 - economic self-sufficiency
 - a condition that limits:
 - memory/cognition
 - activities of daily life
 - judgment and self-protection
 - control of emotions
 - communication
 - physical health
 - employment
- Disability does not include solely:
 - mental illness
 - personality disorder
 - deafness/HoH
 - visual impairment
 - learning disability
 - behavior disorder
 - substance abuse
 - aging

- Services to promote independence, productivity, and integration in community life

UOTA Position: Language is vague, unsure of mechanism. Recommend language modification. Support if language clearly includes occupational therapists.

SJR 001 Joint Resolution Supporting Coordination of Care for Older Adults Receiving Home Health Care Services

Sponsor(s): Jani Iwamoto

Summary

- Supports programs that seek to coordinate transition of care for older adults and other patient populations receiving home health care services

UOTA Position: Preliminary support if OT-specific assessments included, such as fall prevention, ADL skills