



## **A-2548**

This bill requires health insurers, SHBP and SEHBP to provide coverage for vision rehabilitation services to covered person experiencing sudden onset of blindness.

**The Council support this bill and also request that the occupational therapists should be included.**

## **B. Senate Bills**

### **S-1890**

This bill introduced on May 13, 2010, requires that all public bodies covered by the provision of the Open Public Meetings Act have a United States flag displayed in the meeting room and that the person presiding lead those present in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The Council was neutral regarding this bill. The Council will defer to the Director.**

## **III. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **1. Use of physical agent modalities by occupational therapy assistants**

Regulatory Analyst, Maryann Sheehan, provided a copy of the ACOTE Accreditation Standards for OTA programs in order to continue discussion regarding an amendment to the rule to include the utilization of advanced physical agent modalities by an occupational therapy assistant. The Council discussed educational programs and/or available training dedicated to assistants.

The Council offered the floor to the individuals present at the meeting and heard their opinions regarding this issue. It was concluded that education, appropriate supervision, and training were essential in consideration of an amendment to the rule.

**Based on the discussion, advice and comments, Regulatory Analyst Maryann Sheehan will prepare a draft to be presented at the next meeting.**

## **IV. MODALITIES COURSES APPROVAL**

**A. Request for approval of modalities courses by providers.**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44K-5.4 Use of physical agent modalities.

**The Council, upon motion made by Maryann Moran and seconded by Tiffany Charles, accepted the Committee recommendations to approve the following providers of modalities courses.**

1. DUNAMIS Training LLC
2. Universal Institute Inc.
3. JDT Medical Rehab Center/Lincoln Park

**V. “60 days Provision”**

The Council reviewed procedures with regard to the guidelines for the acceptance of applicants to practice under the 60 days provision. The Council agreed that three (3) most important aspects to consider are equivalency for licensure from the other State, the applicant’s education, and complete results of a Criminal History Background Check, before the individual may be accepted and/or authorized to practice in New Jersey for 60 days.

**The Council approved the request from Carole Swartz, OT to be permitted to work under the 60 days rule.**

**VI. APPLICATIONS REVIEW**

**The Council, upon the motion made by Aida Mendez-Boud and seconded by Mariann E. Moran, voted to approve the licensure of the following applicants:**

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

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| 1. | Conrad I. Alcala       | 46TR00523000 |
| 2. | Jennifer Thompson      | 46TR00523100 |
| 3. | Rachel I, Thiros       | 46TR00523200 |
| 4. | Avigail Herman         | 46TR00523300 |
| 5. | Kaitlin A. Regan       | 46TR00523400 |
| 6. | Jessica Sanabria       | 46TR00523500 |
| 7. | Christine M. McCormack | 46TR00523600 |

8.	Debra A. Todaro	46TR00523700
9.	Nicole Y. Delia	46TR00523800
10.	Elana Mandel	46TR00523900
11.	Ellen R. Block-Stone	46TR00524000
12.	Elana Kessel	46TR00524100
13.	Tisha Sararitaya	46TR00524200
14.	Lisa H. Barr	46TR00524300
15.	Thakur Ankita Sinha	46TR00524400
16.	Rosemarie Paradiso	46TR00524500
17.	Mrudul R. Jagitap	46TR00524600
18.	Joshi Y. Pooja	46TR00524700
19.	Christine O. DeVera,	46TR00524800
20.	Batsheva Abraham	46TR00524900
21.	Adrian Rivera	46TR00525000
22.	Janice Martinez	46TR00525100
23.	Rebecca A. Fiordimondo	46TR00525200
24.	Thomas H. Rim	46TR00525300
25.	Tova M. Brown	46TR00525400
26.	Ellen F. Dodson	46TR00525500
27.	Erica Karla Patusco	46TR00525600
28.	Sarah A. Porcelan	46TR00525700
29.	Michelle A.R. Schultz	46TR00525800
30.	Adele Adina Tebele	46TR00525900
31.	Courtney M. Mayner	46TR00526000
32.	Bridget Jean Fitzpatrick	46TR00526100
33.	Christine C. Pignatelli	46TR00526200
34.	Jacqueline M. Beer	46TR00526300
35.	Christina J. Stewart	46TR00526400
36.	Gweneth A. Lindgren	46TR00526500
37.	Miriam Reich	46TR00526600
38.	Alisha C. Alava	46TR00526700
39.	Jennifer J. Henry	46TR00526800
40.	Melissa L. Larsen.	46TR00526900
41.	Erica Muller	46TR00527000
42.	Chatt De La Torre	46TR00527100
43.	Sheila Marie Akiatan	46TR00527200
44.	Elisheva Fried	46TR00527300
45.	Nordia C. Campbell	46TR00527400
46.	Janine Mary Gerety	46TR00527500
47.	Sarah M. Gaydick	46TR00527600
48.	Stacia H. Givens	46TR00527700
49.	Madelyn K. Champlin	46TR00527800

50.	Stephanie A. Warner	46TR00527900
51.	Dena W. Rosenberg	46TR00528000
52.	Nancy Thomas	46TR00528100
53.	April Anne Benkovic	46TR00528200
54.	Faith Autrey	46TR00528300
55.	Catherine Calalang	46TR00528400
56.	Laura Elizabeth Latimer	46TR00528500
57.	Tiffany L. Bautista	46TR00528600
58.	Grace L. Manuel	46TR00528700
60.	Sumedha Arora	46TR00528800
61.	Tricia E. Albert	46TR00528900
62.	Brenda Lee Mahon	46TR00529000
63.	Supriya A. Udhoji	46TR00529100
64.	Sheela Rajendran	46TR00529200
65.	Delia J. Rusmin	46TR00529300
66.	Vanessa C. Pumillo	46TR00529400
67.	Randi Schneiner-Valencia	46TR00529500
68.	Mary Sharon L. Rondez	46TR00529600
69.	Umesh P. Kadam	46TR00529700
70.	Kimberly Solewater	46TR00529800
71.	Sarah A. Fires	46TR00529900
72.	Tanya Rae C. Pe	46TR00530000
73.	Alyssa G. Lefano	46TR00530100
74.	Cortney A. White	46TR00530200
75.	Victoria J. Dinkins	46TR00530300
76.	Yu-Hsuan Lee	46TR00530400
77.	Antonina Gerace	46TR00530500
78.	Christy A. Murphy	46TR00530600
79.	Adria J. Bloom	46TR00530700
80.	Christine M. Presson	46TR00530800
81.	Bridget A. Peterson	46TR00530900
82.	Teresa A. Laing	46TR00531000
83.	Devorah L. Ryp	46TR00531100
84.	Etosha D. Whitaker	46TR00531200
85.	Elissa Siev	46TR00531300
86.	Diana L. Giumarello	46TR00531400

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS

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| 6.  | Mary-Ann C. Samala  | 46TA09077100 |
| 7.  | Rachel E. DiLiberto | 46TA09077200 |
| 8.  | Brian L. Scott      | 46TA09077300 |
| 9.  | Laura E. Brousseau  | 46TA09077400 |
| 10. | Sheri A. Nehls      | 46TA09077500 |
| 11. | Christina I. Capps  | 46TA09077600 |
| 12. | Armanda Redza       | 46TA09077700 |
| 13. | Erica L. Drayton    | 46TA09077800 |

At 11:55 A.M. the Council, upon motion made by Mariann E. Moran and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, voted to move into the Executive Session to consider and to review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information receive pursuant to the Council's regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Council determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Council determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the executive session.

At 11:55 A.M. the Council, upon motion made by Aida Mendez-Boud and seconded by Mariann E. Moran, voted to adjourn the public session.

Upon return from executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson  
Executive Director

