Michigan Medicaid Policy: Occupational Therapy Student Supervision Guidelines

Guidelines specified based on clinical setting:

- **Home Health Care (Page 16)**
  - Medicaid covers OT services when provided by:
    - A licensed occupational therapist (OT).
    - A licensed OTA under the supervision of an OT.
    - A student completing his clinical affiliation under the direct supervision of (in the presence of) an OT. All documentation must be reviewed and signed by the supervising OT.

- **Inpatient Rehabilitation**
  - No OT student supervision rules specified.

- **Mental Health (Page 19-20)**
  - No OT student supervision rules specified.
  - Therapy must be skilled (requiring the skills, knowledge, and education of a licensed occupational therapist).
  - Services must be prescribed by a physician and may be provided on an individual or group basis by an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, licensed by the State of Michigan or by an occupational therapy aide who has received on-the-job training. The occupational therapist must supervise and monitor the assistant's performance with continuous assessment of the beneficiary's progress, but on-site supervision of an assistant is not required. An aide performing an occupational therapy service must be directly supervised by a qualified occupational therapist who is on site. All documentation by an occupational therapy assistant or aide must be reviewed and signed by the appropriately credentialed supervising occupational therapist.

- **Skilled Nursing Facilities (Page 59)**
  - No OT student supervision rules specified.
  - Occupational therapy (OT) must be active and restorative. A licensed OT or OTA must render the services. If the assistant renders the service, the assistant must be under the supervision of the therapist.

- **Outpatient Rehabilitation (Page 7)**
  - Reimbursable: A student completing his clinical affiliation under the direct supervision of (i.e., in the presence of) an OT. All documentation must be reviewed and signed by the supervising OT.

**Billing & reimbursement for occupational therapy services providers (Page 38)** - Provider must be enrolled in the state of MI for reimbursement.

For more information, please view the Michigan Medicaid Manual (Updated April 1st, 2014):