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Attn: Matt Galvin, Program Manager, Credentialing Review Program

This letter of intent aims to communicate that the Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association intends to move through the **407 Credentialing Review Process** in 2024, with initial work being completed in 2023. The goals of this credentialing review are:

- Update language to **reflect the most current language of the profession** to reflect the American Occupational Therapy Association's update Model Practice Act (December, 2022).
 - Ensure that the language of the statute reflects evidence-based occupational therapy service provision across practice areas and with varying populations
- **Clarify the role of occupational therapy** in providing interventions that support occupational performance that may require additional training for ethical delivery, to reflect the American Occupational Therapy Association's Policy E.18 (April, 2023). This includes:
 - Clarify the use of **dry needling** in occupational therapy, including what additional training it may require to utilize this evidence-based intervention
 - Promote the ability of the **certified occupational therapy assistant (COTA)** to complete the **full scope of physical agent modalities (PAMS)** and not be restricted to only the use of superficial thermal modalities, including what additional training it may require to use the full scope of PAMS interventions
 - Explore the **training requirements for OTRs** to utilize PAMS in the state to ensure they reflect current practice and modern entry-level education

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Please send any requests for additional information to the email listed above. It is anticipated that the completed application will be received by the Credentialing Review Board in the early Fall of 2024. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the occupational therapy needs of Nebraskans.

On behalf of the Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.,

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