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Greetings,

I am writing this comment in FULL support of the rule changes proposed for NMAC 8.321.2. I am an occupational therapist, practicing in a rural community and updates to Section 9 adding occupational therapists as allowable practitioners will increase access to medically necessary behavioral health services. Occupational therapy practitioners have the skills to be licensed community mental health providers, qualified mental health professionals, case managers, care coordinators, group facilitators, program developers, advocates, and consultants. Allowing occupational therapy practitioners to bill for behavioral health services within the NM OT Practice Act will benefit recipients of health care, communities and the health of New Mexico.

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