



# Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Senate Finance Committee</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>Senate Bill 808</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Health Insurance - Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Requirements</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>March 4, 2026</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Support</b>

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The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports Senate Bill 808 - Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Requirements. The bill changes how health insurance carriers credential providers and maintain provider networks. It sets stricter timelines for reviewing and responding to provider credentialing applications and requires clearer, faster communication about application status. The bill also requires carriers to use standardized online systems. In addition, the bill strengthens provider directory requirements by mandating frequent updates, and improved accuracy for consumer transparency.

Occupational therapy practitioners (OTPs) support this bill because it makes it easier and faster for OTPs to join and stay in health plan networks by shortening credentialing timelines and improving communication from insurers. The bill reduces administrative barriers such as requiring standardized online applications, which can save OTP practices time and money. It also improves the accuracy and accessibility of provider directories, helping patients find and access OTs more reliably. Overall, these changes can increase patient access to occupational therapy services and reduce delays in care.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Michael Paddy at [mpaddy@policypartners.net](mailto:mpaddy@policypartners.net).