



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4757-24-04 Scope of practice for a music therapist.

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(A) Music therapy means the clinical use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship through an individualized music therapy treatment plan developed for a client. Music therapy interventions include, but are not limited to: improvisation, receptive music listening, song writing, lyric discussion, music and imagery, singing, performance, learning through music, music combined with other arts, music-assisted relaxation, music-based patient education, electronic music technology, adapted music intervention, and movement to music.

(B) Music therapy services means the services a licensee is authorized to provide to achieve the goals of music therapy, which may include, but are not limited to: accepting referrals for music therapy services, conducting a music therapy assessment, developing and implementing an individualized music therapy treatment plan, evaluating and documenting client responses to music therapy, and utilizing appropriate knowledge and skills to inform practice.

(C) The practice of music therapy does not include the screening, diagnosis, or assessment of any physical, mental, emotional, or communication disorder.

(D) A licensed professional music therapist will collaborate in the provision of music therapy and music therapy services.

(1) Before a licensed professional music therapist provides music therapy services to a client for an identified clinical or developmental need, the licensee shall review, as appropriate, the client's diagnosis, treatment needs, and treatment plan with the health care providers involved in the client's care. Before a licensed professional music therapist provides music therapy services to a student for an identified educational need in a special education setting, the licensee shall review with the individualized family service plan team or individualized education program team the student's diagnosis, treatment needs, and treatment plan.

(2) During the provision of music therapy services to a client, the licensed professional music



therapist shall collaborate, as applicable, with the client's treatment team, including the client's physician, professional licensed under Revised Code Chapter 4757, psychologist, or other appropriately licensed healthcare professional. During the provision of music therapy services to a client with a communication disorder, the licensed professional music therapist shall collaborate and discuss the music therapy treatment plan with the client's audiologist or speech-language pathologist so that a music therapist may work with the client and address communication skills.

(3) When providing educational or health care services, a licensed professional music therapist may not replace the services provided by an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist. Unless authorized to practice speech-language pathology, music therapists may not evaluate, examine, instruct, or counsel on speech, language, communication, and swallowing disorders and conditions. An individual licensed as a professional music therapist may not represent to the public that the individual is authorized to treat a communication disorder. This does not prohibit an individual licensed as a professional music therapist from representing to the public that the individual may work with clients who have a communication disorder and address communication skills.

(E) Beginning one year after October 3, 2023, no person shall knowingly provide music therapy services or use the title "music therapist" or a similar title unless the person holds a valid license issued under this chapter that is in good standing. Nothing may be construed to prohibit or restrict the practice, services, or activities of any person licensed, certified, or regulated under the laws of this state in another profession or occupation from performing work, including the use of music, incidental to the practice of their profession or occupation if that person does not represent themselves as a music therapist.

(F) This rule does not apply to members of other professions licensed, certified, or registered by this state while performing services within the recognized scope, standards, and ethics of their respective professions.