**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

**477 BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE**

**Chapter 7: CODE OF ETHICS**

**SUMMARY**: This chapter adopts a code of ethics for occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants and temporary licenses.

**1. Adoption; Compliance**

The board adopts and hereby incorporates by reference the *AOTA 2020 Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics*, Copyright © 2020, of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., published online on December 21, 2020 (hereinafter the “2020 AOTA Code of Ethics”). A copy of the 2020 Code of Ethics is available by accessing American Journal of Occupational Therapy, November/December 2020, Vol. 74 (Supplement 3), <https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2020.74S3006>, or by sending a request for a copy via e-mail to [ethics@aota.org](mailto:ethics@aota.org). The 2020 AOTA Code of Ethics is the ethical standard of practice for persons holding a license to practice occupational therapy in this State. All practitioners must comply with the 2020 AOTA Code of Ethics.

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