

Calling All ConnOTA members and Advocacy Warriors!

What are your thoughts and perspectives about using telehealth in your everyday occupational therapy practice? Is this method of service delivery something you have been waiting for? Are you a practitioner who currently uses telehealth due to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

While the public health emergency temporarily allows our profession to practice under this method of service delivery, it is not guaranteed that we will be allowed to do so once the public health emergency is lifted. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is now taking comments regarding OT and telehealth as a permanent solution for service delivery. *Now is your chance to advocate for permanent change!*

ConnOTA is submitting a letter to CMS representing its membership. Please share your thoughts and specific examples of how telehealth improves your ability to serve clients in your various practice areas. Forward your statements to Kate Keefe, OTD, OTR/L - Member of Government Affairs at govaffairs@ConnOTA.org by **7/3/2020**.

You are also encouraged to submit your own comments directly to CMS at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Comments are being taken through July 7, 2020.

One last thing! Send a quick email/letter to your member of Congress showing your support for telehealth services to be a permanent method of delivery for our profession. The more we advocate, the greater the impact we have on changing policy.