



State of Vermont
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
89 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
sos.vermont.gov

Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Secretary of State
S. Lauren Hibbert, Deputy Secretary
Kevin A. Rushing, Director

January 3, 2024

To: Hon. Lori Houghton, Chair
House Committee on Health Care

From: Lauren Layman, General Counsel, Office of Professional Regulation

Re: H. 247 – Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

Dear Committee,

Below are responses to questions asked during testimony on January 3, 2023 regarding the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

- **National Provider Identification (NPI) Number:**
 - Providers can obtain NPI without a social security number. To do so, the provider must submit two proofs of identity, such as a valid passport, birth certificate, photocopy of a U.S. driver’s license or State issued identification, or an IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). Visas and Employer Identification Cards are not acceptable.
 - OPR found this information on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ website, <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/regulations-guidance/administrative-simplification/how-apply>.
- **Effective Date:**
 - OPR would like for the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact statute to become effective on July 1, 2025. This will give OPR a year to develop the application and internal systems for regulating Compact licensees, and to communicate the licensing availability and processes to licensees and providers throughout Vermont.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these questions and to provide testimony. |