

**HACKETTSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROCEDURE MANUAL
WEEKEND COVERAGE**

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POLICY:

The Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments shall provide needed services for inpatients on weekends as deemed appropriate for the individual clients.

PROCEDURE:

The Physical Therapy Department shall provide weekend coverage on Saturday and/or Sunday and holidays consistent with the plan of care outlined in the evaluation. The following criteria are used for consideration of need for service 7 days/wk:

1. A client with an acute orthopedic or neurological condition;
2. When daily therapy intervention for wound or burn care is indicated;
3. A client with plans for eminent discharge to home setting;
4. Any client deemed appropriate by the therapist for optimal outcome of therapy goals.

A regular weekend schedule of coverage will be maintained by the departments with consideration for the following:

1. Additional and/or substitute weekend coverage will be provided on a rotating basis.
2. All licensed therapists employed by Hackettstown Regional Medical Center will be included in the rotation.
3. The supervisor is responsible for maintaining a record of weekend coverage rotation in order to be equal and fair to all employees involved.

The Occupational Therapy Department shall provide care as needed for clients based on evaluation but generally do not provide service on weekends and holidays.