

# IOTA SEEKS YOUR FAIR SHARE SUPPORT

Your professional association provides education, awareness and advocacy for the Occupational Therapy profession in Idaho. In 2007, the Idaho Occupational Therapy Association added value to your investment by successfully advancing the three ideals of our mission:

**Education:** In addition to our annual conference, this year, IOTA also brought the Sensory Toolkit Workshop to Idaho and we brought education and networking together through thirteen District and SIS informational meetings. Continuing education and professional development are at the forefront of the association's priorities.

**Awareness:** In January, IOTA kicked off the year with a highly successful Occupational Therapy Day at the Legislature. That has been followed with speaking engagements by members of your Executive Board at health fairs, other professional associations and high school career days. We are spreading the word that Occupational Therapy is skilled therapy for all stages of one's life and a profession with great career potential.

**Advocacy:** For seven years, members of IOTA have battled with Idaho Health and Welfare (IDHW) to secure Medicaid provider status for private practitioners. Following a failed petition in January, IOTA was invited by IDHW to create this rule. For ten months, IOTA worked to write the rule and secure its publication in time for the 2008 Legislative session. It will now be heard by the 2008 Legislature and we predict independent providers of occupational therapy will be able to bill Medicaid directly on or before July 1, 2008.



This process illustrated the value of having a lobbyist to speak for us and for the first time, IOTA has retained a lobbyist. John Watts of VERITAS Advisors will monitor legislation and help IOTA take a proactive approach to the regulations that impact the occupational therapy profession. We have learned, in the world of politics and public policy, we have to control it or it will surely control us. By not having a lobbyist we have left our careers, livelihoods, and, ultimately, our families' futures in the hands and control of someone else.

***IOTA is not willing to risk our members' futures.*** A lobbyist will allow us to do the work that we went to school for, and that we want to do, knowing that someone else is helping guard our profession for and with us. ***We ask that you help us fund this next step by donating your FAIR SHARE*** – an amount over and above your annual investment. We believe, if every practitioner donates at least their fair share, we will make an impact as we promote and protect Occupational Therapy at the State level. Thank you for your support.

## FAIR SHARE CONTRIBUTION \$35.00

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