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I'm all in favor of adding Occupational Therapist for approval of disability placards and tags, however, I would also like to see that the renewal process be eliminated. My reason for that is, once you're accepted for permanent disability then the renewal ought to be moot. I would like to see this added as an amendment or maybe introduce it as legislation on its own. Thank you.



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As an occupational therapist, I strongly advocate for occupational therapists to be authorized to complete the documentation required for accessible parking placards for individuals with disabilities. This responsibility aligns directly with our scope of practice, which includes evaluating functional mobility, assessing the impact of health conditions on daily activities, and recommending environmental modifications to support independence and community participation. Occupational therapists are highly trained to assess mobility impairments, endurance limitations, and safety concerns that necessitate accessible parking. According to the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process (4th ed.), OT practitioners evaluate and address client factors such as motor and process skills, neuromusculoskeletal function, and functional mobility, all of which are critical in determining a person’s need for accessible parking. Furthermore, the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) recognizes advocacy for accessibility and participation as a key component of our professional role. Restricting this documentation solely to physicians or other healthcare providers underutilizes the expertise of occupational therapists and can create unnecessary barriers for individuals who need timely access to accommodations. Allowing OTs to complete this documentation would improve efficiency, reduce healthcare system burdens, and ensure that individuals with disabilities receive appropriate and accurate assessments for their mobility needs. Given our expertise in functional assessment and disability-related accommodations, occupational therapists should be recognized as qualified providers for determining eligibility for accessible parking placards. This change would enhance access to necessary accommodations and further support the independence and well-being of individuals with disabilities.



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