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## **AOTA ANNOUNCES NEW NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH REHABCARE**

### ***Occupational Therapy Practitioners Benefit From Shared Commitment to Professional Growth***

(Bethesda, MD)—The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) is pleased to announce a national partnership with RehabCare, a recognized leader in physical rehabilitation program management services.

This partnership combines the efforts of both organizations to ensure that occupational therapy practitioners are equipped to provide the highest possible level of care through continuing education and professional opportunities.

The success of the occupational therapy profession hinges on practitioners who provide the highest quality services to clients every day, and AOTA is delighted to have the opportunity to provide those employed by RehabCare with some of the best resources in the profession to promote quality care. Partnerships such as this one bolster AOTA's efforts to create strong linkages among research, education, and practice and achieve the goals of AOTA's Centennial Vision.

"Working in partnership with RehabCare enables us to provide educational opportunities and the latest practice-related information to better support occupational therapy practitioners in the field," said Frederick P. Somers, Executive Director of AOTA.

Partnership with AOTA reflects RehabCare's commitment to its occupational therapy practitioners and the clients they serve. "One of the qualities that has always set RehabCare apart is the level of training we provide to our clinicians," says John Short, PhD, President and CEO of RehabCare. "We see this partnership with AOTA as an expansion of that investment. Through its publications, continuing education, conferences, and a host of other resources, AOTA complements our efforts by keeping clinicians up-to-date. We're proud to be associated with a prestigious national organization like AOTA."

AOTA President Penelope Moyers Cleveland expressed her support by saying, "I am enthusiastic about this new partnership because the interaction between AOTA and RehabCare demonstrates both organizations' belief in and encouragement of occupational therapy practitioners' abilities to lead the way in evolving practice. Both organizations benefit when occupational therapy practitioners are able to significantly contribute to the growth of the profession. I look forward to seeing how this partnership will model the way in which employers and the professional organization can work together to make a difference in health care service delivery."

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“This partnership reinforces the value that we place on professional membership,” Short says. “In a multitude of ways, AOTA helps our occupational therapy practitioners be better at what they do, and ultimately, to provide better care to their patients.”

Founded in 1917, the **American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)** represents the interests and concerns of more than 36,000 occupational therapists, assistants and students nationwide. The Association educates the public and advances the profession of occupational therapy by providing resources, setting standards including accreditations and serving as an advocate to improve health care. Based in Bethesda, Maryland, AOTA’s major programs and activities are directed toward promoting the professional development of its members and assuring consumer access to quality services so patients can maximize their individual potential and live life to its fullest. For more information go to [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org).

With more than 25 years of experience, **RehabCare** is a leading provider of physical rehabilitation program management services in 1,200 hospitals, nursing homes and other long-term care facilities throughout the United States. The company also owns and operates freestanding rehabilitation and long-term acute care hospitals. For more information go to [www.rehabcare.com](http://www.rehabcare.com).