**24:05:27:22.  Occupational therapy defined.** Occupational therapy, as a related service, includes:

 (1)  Improving, developing, or restoring functions impaired or lost through illness, injury, or deprivation;

 (2)  Improving ability to perform tasks for independent functioning if functions are impaired or lost; and

 (3)  Preventing, through early intervention, initial or further impairment or loss of function.

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