



## Script for Union

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person), thank you for taking the time to speak/meet with me today. I'm an occupational therapist working at (organization name).

I would like to discuss the fact that members of our union do not currently have access to occupational therapy services through our extended health benefits plan. As an occupational therapist myself, I am very concerned that I do not have access to these services.

The inclusion of occupational therapy services as a flexible option in my benefits plan would not increase the cost of the plan – it would simply add occupational therapy as a choice on the existing list of available health services.

Occupational therapy services benefit employees as well as employers and help to keep employees healthy, safe and engaged at work. Occupational therapists, or OTs, proactively address barriers in the workplace and facilitating a timely return to work after an illness or injury. It would be of great value to our union membership to include occupational therapy as an extended health benefit in the next round of collective agreement negotiations.

Do you have any questions for me?

I hope you will consider my request and thank you again for speaking/meeting with me. I look forward to hearing more about the next steps \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Union) will undertake, during the next round of negotiations, to put occupational therapy coverage in place at (name of organization).

Thank you.