

SYNOPSIS OF ATHLETIC TRAINER STATUTORY REGULATION BY STATE
(DOES NOT INCLUDE REGULATIONS)

July 2010

ST	DATE	TYPE	DEF.	SUPERVISION	TITLE PROT.	EXAMINATI ON	REGULATORY AGENCY	EXEMPTIONS	RECI- PROCITY
AL	1993	License	Std*	Direction or referral of physician	YES	NATABOC	Board of AT	PT Grandfather until 1996	YES
AK									
AZ	2000	License	¹	Physician	YES	Nat'l exam approved by Board (Regs specify BOC)	Board of AT	NATABOCs grandfathered til 1/1/2004	NO
AR	2000	License	Std*	Non-clinic: physician direction; Clinic: direct supervision of PT & referral of physician	YES	Exam (BOC per Regs)	Board of AT		YES
CA									
CO	2009	Registration	Std*	Physician, dentist, or other Health Care Provider	YES	NO	Department of Regulatory Agencies	Licensed Health professionals	NO
CT	2000	License ²	Std*	Direction of Health Care Provider	YES	NATABOC	Comm. of Public Health		YES
DE	1989	License	Std*	Physician referral; Non-athletic injury requires PT supervision every 5 th Tx	YES	NATABOC	Board of PT & AT		YES
DC									
FL	1988	License	Std*	Written protocol with physician	YES	Approved by Board (Regs specify BOC)	Board of AT	Provider of first aid	N/A

¹ AZ includes athletic illness in its definition; athletic injuries is any injury that is of the type that occurs during participation in sports, recreation, or physical fitness regardless of circumstances.

² Though statutorily mandated, no funding has been allotted in CT to implement this law.

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GA	1977	License	Std*	Physician	YES	Approved by Board (Regs allow BOC)	Board of AT		YES
HI	1985	Exemption	Std3						
ID	2003	License	Std*	Physician or Chiropractor	YES	NATABOC or approved by Board	Board of AT (advises Board of Medicine)	Free care; Good Samaritan	YES
IL	1995	License	Std*	Physician	YES	NATABOC	Board of AT	Grandfathers Pre-1985	YES
IN	1993	License	Std*	Physician referral or direction	YES	NATABOC	Board of AT		YES
IA	1994	License	Std*	Physician	YES	By Department (Regs specify BOC)	Board of AT	Licensed health professionals	YES
KS	1995	License	Std*	N/A	YES	Approved by Board (Regs specify BOC)	Board of Healing Arts	Pre-7/04 ATC registrants grandfathered	YES
KY	1978	Certification	Std*	Physician approves modalities to be used	YES	Board approved (BOC per Regs)	Medical Board w/advice of AT Advisory Cmte.		YES
LA	1985	Certification	Std*	Physician approves modalities to be used	YES	Board administered (BOC accepted)	Medical Board	Licensed health professionals	YES with exam
ME	1995	License	Std*	No referral w/ certain restrictions; otherwise, referral to professional incl. PT	YES	NATABOC (BOC per Regs)	Commissioner of Professions; AT Advisory Comm...		N/A

3 Scope defined as that of AT certified by the NATABOC

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MD	2009	License eff. 8/15/09	Std*	Protocol of physician	YES	NATABOC plus oral/written competency in English	Athletic Training Committee of Medical Board	Licensed Health Professionals	NO
MA	1982	License	⁴	Physician or DDS	YES	NATABOC	Board of Allied Health Prof.		YES
MI	2006	License	⁵	Physician	YES	Board approved (Regs pending; BOC proposed)	Athletic Trainer Board		
MN	1993	Registration	Std*	Protocol of physician	YES	NATABOC	AT Advisory Council		YES
MS	1991	License	Std ⁶	Direction of physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.	YES	NATABOC	Council of Advisors in Athletic Training (State Board of Health)	Coaches/instructors “in the line of duties”	YES
MO	2004	License	Std*	Team and/or consulting physician	YES	NATABOC	AT Advisory to Board of Healing Arts	Pre-1983 Grandfathers	YES
MT	2007	License	Std*	None specified	YES	Approved by the Board	AT Board	Coaches/teachers; other professionals; personal trainers; massage therapists	YES
NE	1987	License	Std*	Guidelines or referral from physician	YES	Approved by the Board (BOC approved per Regs)	Board of AT	Licensed health care professionals	
NV	2003	License	Std*	Protocol of physician	YES	NATABOC	Board of AT		YES

⁴ Practice limited to schools, teams or organizations with whom AT is associated and under the direction of a physician or dentist duly registered in the commonwealth.

⁵ Does not specify that treatment is limited to athletes or athletics; speaks to treatment of an “individual;” includes clinical evaluation and treatment for “injury or illness, or both” within rules promulgated by the Board.

⁶ Includes injury or illness; injury is that sustained as a result of participation in sports, games or recreation, or a comparable injury.

NH	1984	License	Std*	Direction of physician	YES	NATABOC	Board of AT		NO
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NJ	1984	License	⁷	Treatment under direction of physician	YES	NATABOC or equivalent app. by Board	AT Advisory to Board of Medical Examiners	Licensed health care professionals	YES
NM	1983	License	Std*	Prescription or protocol	YES	Nat'l certifying exam approved by Bd (BOC per web); jurisprudence; CPR; AED	AT Practice Board	Licensed health care professionals	
NY	1992	Certification	⁸	Clinical settings require physician	Only ATC	Direction of Commissioner (BOC per regs)	AT Advisory to Board of Medicine		
NC	1997	License	Std*	Protocol of physician	YES	NATABOC	Board of AT		YES
ND	1983	License	Std*	Written authorization of physician	YES	Board approved nat'l exam (BOC per regs)	Board of AT		
OH	1990	License	Std*	Referral of physician, DPM, DDS, DC, or PT	YES	NATABOC plus jurisprudence		Licensed health care professionals	YES
OK	1986	License	Std*	Protocol from physician	YES	NATABOC	AT Advisory Comm. to Medical Board	Good Samaritan; licensed health care professionals	
OR	1996	Registration	Std*	Consultation or referral with physician	YES	NATABOC	Board of AT		YES
PA	1987	Certification	Std*	Direction of physician, dentist, or podiatrist	YES	NATABOC	State Board of Medicine		YES

⁷ Physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and prevention of injuries...and application of physical treatment modalities as recommended by the advisory committee.

⁸ Limits practice to schools and professional athletic organizations and, under the supervision of a physician, comparable functions on orthopedic athletic injuries excluding spinal cord. Athletic Training is the application of principles, methods and procedures for managing athletic injuries, including the preconditioning, conditioning and reconditioning of an individual through the use of appropriate preventive and supportive devices, under the supervision of a physician.

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RI	1986	License	⁹	Direction of physician	YES	Board approved (BOC per Regs)	Board of AT, reporting to state department		YES
SC	1976	Certification	Std*	Advice and consent of physician	YES	NATABOC	Board of Health & Environmental Control		YES
SD	1984	License	Std* ¹⁰	Written authorization of physician	NO	Directed by Board or NATABOC			
TN	1985	License	Std*	Advice and consent or written order of physician	YES	NATABOC + jurisprudence	Board of Athletic Training (7/1/06)	Licensed professionals	YES
TX	1971	License	Std*	Direction of treating physician	YES	Board administered or NATABOC	Advisory Board of AT (to Dept. of Health)	Licensed health care professionals	YES
UT	2006	License	Std*	Directing Physician	YES	BOC or equivalent	Athletic Trainers Licensing Board	Licensed health care professionals	
VT	1998	License	Std*	SEE ¹¹	YES	NATABOC	Office of Professional Regulation	Licensed health care professionals	YES
VA	2004	License	Std*	PT & patient's physician, or direction of any MD, DO, DC, DPM, or DDS	YES	State administered, NATABOC, or Board approved	Advisory Board on AT to Board of Medicine	Coaches or others in line with duties; grandfathers	

⁹ Practice limited to “only those athletes participating in the athletic program being conducted by the educational institution, professional athletic organization, or board sanctioned amateur athletic organization employing the athletic trainer.”

¹⁰ It is grounds for revocation of license to continue treatment or rehabilitation on individuals other than those associated with the employing institution or athletic organization

¹¹ For athletes participating at any organized level, no supervision but athlete must first have been examined by a physician; for treating injuries, referral from physician or DC required

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WA	2007	License	Std*	Consultation, referral or guidelines of licensed health care provider	YES	Approved by Secretary of Health	Advisory Board to Secretary	Licensed health care professionals; personal trainers; teachers/coaches	YES
WI	1999	License	Std* ¹²	Protocol established by AT and approved by physician	YES	NATABOC or state administered	AT Affiliated Credentialing Board of Medical Board		YES
WV	2010 eff. 6/11/10	Registration	None specified	None specified	YES	BOC	Board of Physical Therapy		
WY	2009	Licensure	Std*	Direction of physician	YES	Nationally recognized exam approved by Board	State Board of Athletic Training	Licensed health care professionals; credentialed coaches	YES

***Standard** Definition includes prevention, education, recognition, evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of an athletic injury or illness, and organization and administration of exercise, conditioning, and athletic training programs

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¹² Includes illness (“injuries or illnesses”) and adds “sustained while participating in physical activity.” Rehabilitating and physically reconditioning that ‘impede or prevent the individual from returning to participation in physical activity, if the individual recently participated in, and intends to return to participating in, physical activity.’