**§14354. Necessity for licensure**

Beginning January 1, 1996 a person may not profess to be an athletic trainer or use the title "athletic trainer" alone or in connection with other words or the initials "AT" alone or in connection with other initials, whether or not compensation is received, unless licensed in accordance with this chapter. [PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Athletic training.**  When providing athletic training to an athlete without referral from a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry, the athletic trainer is subject to the following requirements.

A. An athletic trainer may not make a medical diagnosis. The athletic trainer shall refer to a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry an athlete whose physical condition, either at the initial evaluation or during subsequent treatment, the athletic trainer determines to be beyond the scope of the practice of the athletic trainer. [PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).]

B. If there is no improvement in an athlete who has sustained an athletic injury within 15 days of initiation of treatment, the athletic trainer shall refer the athlete to a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry or a licensed physical therapist. [PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).]

C. If an athletic injury requires treatment for more than 45 days, the athletic trainer shall consult with, or refer the athlete to, a licensed doctor of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry or a licensed physical therapist. The athletic trainer shall document the action taken. [PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).]

[PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Training of recreational athlete.**  When providing athletic training to the recreational athlete, for other than emergency care or the care of minor sprains, strains and contusions, the athletic trainer shall refer the athlete to a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry or a licensed physical therapist.

For the treatment of the recreational athlete, for other than emergency care or the care of minor sprains, strains and contusions, the athletic trainer must receive referral from a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry or a licensed physical therapist.

When providing care and treatment to the recreational athlete sustaining minor sprains, strains and contusions, the athletic trainer is subject to the following requirements.

A. An athletic trainer may not make a medical diagnosis. The athletic trainer shall refer to a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry an athlete whose physical condition, either at the initial evaluation or during subsequent treatment, the athletic trainer determines to be beyond the scope of practice of the athletic trainer. [PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).]

B. If there is no improvement in a recreational athlete who has sustained an athletic injury within 15 days of initiation of treatment, the athletic trainer shall refer the recreational athlete to a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry or a licensed physical therapist. [PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).]

C. If an athletic injury requires treatment for more than 45 days, the athletic trainer shall consult with or refer the recreational athlete to a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry or a licensed physical therapist. [PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).]

[PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1995, c. 275, §1 (NEW).

The State of Maine claims a copyright in its codified statutes. If you intend to republish this material, we require that you include the following disclaimer in your publication:

*All copyrights and other rights to statutory text are reserved by the State of Maine. The text included in this publication reflects changes made through the First Regular and Frist Special Session of the 131st Maine Legislature and is current through November 1, 2023
. The text is subject to change without notice. It is a version that has not been officially certified by the Secretary of State. Refer to the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated and supplements for certified text.*

The Office of the Revisor of Statutes also requests that you send us one copy of any statutory publication you may produce. Our goal is not to restrict publishing activity, but to keep track of who is publishing what, to identify any needless duplication and to preserve the State's copyright rights.

PLEASE NOTE: The Revisor's Office cannot perform research for or provide legal advice or interpretation of Maine law to the public. If you need legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.