



March 2, 2020

Ohio State Legislators:

On behalf of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), I am writing to urge your support of House Bill 484, which modernizes the definition of athletic training to align with other health care providers, permits athletic trainers to administer medication as prescribed by prescribers or a physician order, and creates a "collaboration agreement" in statute that is similar to the "standard operating procedure" in existence today.

NATA is a professional membership organization serving more than 45,000. Athletic trainers are licensed, board certified health care professionals with, at the minimum, a bachelor's degree in athletic training from an accredited institution. Nationally, more than seventy percent of the profession has a master's degree or higher level of education and the profession will transition to a master's degree requirement by 2022.

The American Medical Association also recognizes athletic training as an allied health care profession. Athletic training encompasses the prevention, diagnosis and intervention of emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions involving impairment, functional limitations and disabilities. Athletic trainers provide medical services to all types of patients. Across the United States, in addition to practicing in traditional sports team settings, athletic trainers work in performing arts, public safety, occupational health, and with the military. Athletic trainers are included under the allied health professions category, as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and are assigned National Provider Identifier numbers (NPIs).

Passage of HB 484 will ensure athletic trainers have the ability to practice at the top of their education and training. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Deanna Kuykendall, NATA's Manager of State Government Affairs, at (972) 532-8803 or deannak@nata.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tory Lindley ATC'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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