

Report From Agency

STATE OF WISCONSIN ATHLETIC TRAINERS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING	:	
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE	:	REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
ATHLETIC TRAINERS AFFILIATED	:	CR 25-020
CREDENTIALING BOARD	:	

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS: N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

The proposed rule updates the Protocol Requirements in chapter AT 4 by adding the statutory exceptions in s. 448.956 (2) and (3), Stats., to AT 4.01 (1), (2), (3) and (4) as well as updates AT 4.01 (4) (c) to include “manual therapy.” Adding the statutory exceptions in s. 448.956 (2) and (3), Stats. to AT 4.01 (1), (2), (3) and (4) makes it clear to licensed Athletic Trainers that the Treatment Protocol is to be adhered to under all circumstances where services are being provided, not just while the client is performing “physical activity.” These changes align the Wisconsin Administrative Code more closely with current practice in the Athletic Training Profession.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD’S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board held a public hearing on April 29, 2025. No public comments were received.

Pursuant to s. 15.085 (5) (b), Stats., the Medical Examining Board reviewed the proposed rule on November 20, 2024 and made no formal comments or recommendations.

However, pursuant to s. 448.9525 (2), Stats., a delegate from the Medical Examining Board worked with the Chairperson of the Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board to finalize this rule.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Comment 2c: “In the text of the proposed rule, with respect to adding “and as outlined in ss. 448.956 (2) and (3), Stats.” to s. AT 4.01 (1) to (4), consider instead creating a new subsection that incorporates this statutory reference. It is not clear how the referenced

statutes relate to each of the evaluation and treatment procedures. If there are specific activities in s. 448.956 (2) or (3) that relate to the specific evaluation or treatment procedures in s. AT 4.01 (1) to (4), it could be helpful to specifically reference those provisions.”

Response: The board rejects this comment and notes that the language added in this rule was chosen deliberately by both the Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board and the Medical Examining Board. The statutory references being added are known to athletic trainers as areas of their scope of practice. Adding them to AT 4 just reinforces that they are to be used according to the protocol.

All of the remaining recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS: N/A