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NOTICE OF AGENCY ADOPTION OF A PROCEDURAL OR INTERPRETIVE RULE
OR A LEGISLATIVE RULE EXEMPT FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 126

CITE AUTHORITY: W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2 and W.Va. Code §18-2-5

RULE TYPE: PROCEDURAL _____ INTERPRETIVE _____

EXEMPT LEGISLATIVE RULE X

CITE STATUTE(S) GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

W.Va. Code §§29A-3B-1, et seq.; W.Va. Board of Education
v. Hechler, 180 W.Va. 451; 376 S.E.2d 839 (1988).

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES X NO _____

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 118

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools
of West Virginia (5112)

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

THE ABOVE RULE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE IS May 20, 2004.



Steven L. Paine
Deputy State Superintendent of Schools

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Policy Number And Title:

Policy 5112
Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia

Background:

Policy 5112, Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia, has been in effect for nearly 20 years. This policy requires an athletic trainer for all senior high school football programs. Schools that have not been able to secure fully credentialed athletic trainers have applied to the West Virginia Board of Education for a waiver from this policy. In order to receive a waiver, county boards of education have secured licensed health care providers to attend to the initial care and referral of student athlete injuries. The waiver process provides no mechanism to track personnel qualifications.

For this reason, this policy is being revised to add a classification for "limited athletic trainer authorization". This classification will allow persons previously receiving waivers to serve in a limited capacity in the place of an athletic trainer. The procedures outlined in this revised policy allow for this process to take place before the start of football season and without using the waiver process. Individuals with limited athletic trainer authorizations will apply to the Office of Professional Preparation for this authorization the same as persons applying for other athletic trainer certifications.

Proposals:

Specific licensure requirements and roles are described for four levels of athletic trainer personnel qualifications as follows: Athletic Trainer, Authorized Athletic Trainer, Permit Athletic Trainer and Limited Athletic Trainer Authorization. The policy sets forth procedures and timelines for county boards of education to complete the athletic trainer certification/authorization process in advance of the start of football practice.

Impact:

The policy creates a new limited authorization for individuals that were previously serving under policy waivers granted by the West Virginia Board of Education. This new procedure will assist counties in completing the process in advance of the beginning of football season and eliminate the need for waivers to this policy. The authorization process will also allow the Office of Professional Preparation to monitor the number of individuals functioning at the various levels of athletic trainer certification/authorization. This policy also requires the individuals with permit and limited authorization to attend professional development for athletic trainers on an annual basis.

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Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia (5112)

126-118-1. General.

1.1. Scope. - The purpose of this athletic trainer policy is to improve the health care of student athletes in the public schools of West Virginia. This legislative rule describes the role of athletic trainers and individuals with limited football trainer authorization in the public schools of West Virginia and provides for their licensure and professional development.

1.2. Authority. - W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2; and W.Va. Code §18-2-5.

1.3. Filing Date. - April 19, 2004.

1.4. Effective Date. - May 20, 2004.

1.5. Repeal of Former Rule. - This procedural rule amends W.Va. 126CSR118, "Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia," filed February 24, 1995 and effective March 27, 1995.

126-118-2. General Rules.

2.1. Each county board of education shall employ an athletic trainer(s) or an individual(s) with limited football trainer authorization defined under section 3.4. to serve during senior high school football practices and games. High schools that do not have an athletic trainer or an individual with limited athletic trainer authorization may not participate in football practices and games.

2.2. Each county board of education is encouraged to employ an athletic trainer for middle and junior high school football practices and games.

2.3. County superintendents are encouraged to assign an athletic trainer to work with other school athletic programs.

2.4. Athletic Trainers employed to serve in any public school capacity must adhere to the certification requirements set forth in this policy and Policy 5202, Minimum

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Requirements for the Licensure of Professional/Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications (126CSR136).

126-118-3. Licensure Governing Athletic Trainers (Policy 5202).

3.1. Athletic Trainer. The Professional Service Certificate endorsed for athletic trainer stands alone, shall not require other certificates as a prerequisite, and must be renewed in accordance with renewal requirements for professional certificates approved by the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE). Only an individual who holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education and has completed a state approved athletic trainer program, (including the content test) through an accredited institution of higher education shall be eligible for the Professional Service Certificate endorsed for athletic trainer.

3.2. Authorized Athletic Trainer. An Authorization endorsed for athletic trainer may be issued to an individual who holds certification through the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification (NATABOC). The Authorization may be reissued annually upon application to the WVDE Office of Professional Preparation with documentation of valid NATABOC certification and the recommendation of the superintendent of the employing county.

3.3. Permit Athletic Trainer. A Permit for Full-Time Employment endorsed for athletic trainer may be granted by the WVDE to an individual who holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree and has completed six (6) semester hours of credit applicable to an approved athletic trainer program. (See Policy 5202, Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of Professional/Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications (126CSR136) for information regarding issuance and renewal of permits.) Individuals with an Athletic Trainer permit must attend an athletic trainer workshop/clinic sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC) on an annual basis.

3.4. Limited Football Trainer Authorization. If an athletic trainer can not be obtained, county boards of education shall employ a licensed health care provider which may include one of the following: physician, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, physicians assistant, paramedic, emergency medical technician. To qualify for limited football trainer authorization, county boards of education must:

3.4.1. post the position of athletic trainer or individual to receive limited football trainer authorization with a closing date on or before May 1.

3.4.2. employ an athletic trainer. If an athletic trainer cannot be employed, county boards of education shall select a licensed health care provider to apply for limited

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football trainer authorization.

3.4.3. require the individual(s) seeking limited football trainer authorization to attend an athletic trainer workshop/clinic sanctioned by the WVSSAC.

3.4.4. require the individual(s) seeking limited football trainer authorization to complete and submit the Application for Limited Football Trainer Authorization to the WVDE Office of Professional Preparation by July 1.

§126-118- 4. Continuing Education Requirements.

4.1. The renewal, conversion, and permanent status of the Professional Service Certificate will be in keeping with continuing education guidelines approved by the West Virginia Board of Education in conformity with the School Laws of West Virginia related to the Professional Certificate.

§126-118- 5. Professional Development.

5.1 . Programs for the professional development of athletic trainers shall comply with the program standards for athletic trainers approved by the West Virginia Board of Education. The issuance and renewal of certificates and the review, approval, and monitoring of professional development programs for athletic trainers shall be under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Board of Education through the West Virginia Department of Education.

5.2. Any individual employed as an athletic trainer by a county board of education on the basis of a professional certificate, authorization or permit shall participate in county and state approved continuing education programs based on a Systematic Program of Continuing Education for Public School Personnel in West Virginia. In the development of county continuing education programs for athletic trainers, consideration shall be given to statewide needs assessment data related to the roles and responsibilities of athletic trainers.

§126-118-6. General Role Description.

6.1. Role of the Athletic Trainer and Authorized Athletic Trainer. The athletic trainer possesses the essential knowledge, skills, attitudes, and credentials necessary to carry out the practices of prevention, evaluation, initial care, and physical rehabilitation of injuries sustained by students engaged in public school athletics. The athletic trainer has responsibility for the development, implementation, and management of the athletic training program.

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6.2. Role of the Permit Athletic Trainer and Limited Football Trainer Authorization. The duties of individuals with limited football trainer authorization are limited to evaluation, initial care, and referral of injuries sustained by students engaged in public school athletics.

§126-118-7. Governing Principles.

7.1. An individual serving as an athletic trainer or individuals with limited football trainer authorization may not have simultaneous coaching responsibilities in the same sport.

7.2. An athletic trainer or an individual with limited football trainer authorization must be in attendance at all senior high school football practices and games.

7.2.1. County superintendents may grant excuses from this requirement for individual practices or games based on illness, accident or unforeseen events.

7.2.2. When an athletic trainer or an individual with limited football trainer authorization is not in attendance because of an illness, accident or other unforeseen event, the county superintendent must secure the attendance of other persons with specialized health related training.

7.3. It is the responsibility of the athletic trainer or individual with limited football trainer authorization to determine whether or not an injured student athlete participates in a game or practice.

§126-118-8. Severability.

8.1. If any provision of this rule or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this rule.

FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET
(Submit 4 Copies)

HD NO _____ DRAFT NO _____ BILL NO _____ RESOLUTION NO _____

SUBJECT Policy 5112 Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia. FUND _____ N/A

SOURCE OF REVENUE: GENERAL FUND SPECIAL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____ N/A

COST OF ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

INCOME ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____ N/A

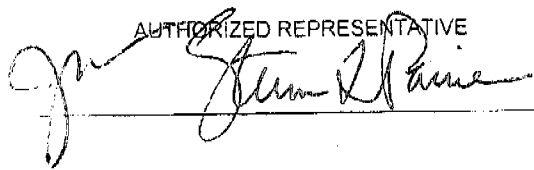
SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2 & 3 GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		CURRENT	FISCAL YEAR	
	INCREASE	DECREASE		NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
PERSONAL SERVICES CURRENT EXPENSES REPAIRS/ALTERATIONS EQUIPMENT OTHER	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

3. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

DATE
3-2-04

AGENCY
West Virginia Department of Education

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE


POLICY 5112: ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WEST VIRGINIA (5112)

COMMENT LOG

March – April 12, 2004

Action Type
 : No Response - Negative
 NA: Not Accepted + Positive
 A: Accepted o Neutral

Date	Individual/Organization	Comments	Action/Type	Rationale
		\$126-118-1. General.		
4/9/04	Joseph S. Blausler- ATC HealthSouth Western Hills Interim Director of Sports Medicine #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101	I would strike the word licensure in 1.1 and replace it with certification or credentialing.	NA	This is the appropriate terminology as per Senate Bill #124
4/6/04	Ericka Zimmerman, MS, ATC University of Charleston Department of Athletic Training Coordinator of Clinical Education 2300 MacCorkle Ave., SE Charleston, WV 25304 ericakazimmerman@cc.ucwv.edu	I am in favor of the changes in Policy 5112. It is important that the high school athletes receive the proper medical/health care from properly educated and train professionals. The certified athletic trainer is educated to provide the care for our high school athletes in West Virginia. I hope that these changes will be enforced!	+	
4/9/04	Stephanie Fouty/ Health South Athletic Trainer #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101	Ensures safety of athletics in WV public schools, primarily in senior high football.	+	
		\$126-118-2. General Rules.		

4/5/04	Tony Carley, MS, ATC/WVU Assistant Football Athletic Trainer/Clinical Instructor	Section 2.3 - There should be an increase in stipend if the person works more than just senior high FB games and practices.	O	This is a local decision
4/9/04	Stephanie Foutly/Health South #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101	Will private (Catholic) schools be able to participate in WVSSAC events if an athletic trainer is not present?	O	No
4/9/04	Joseph S. Blausen- ATC HealthSouth Western Hills Interim Director of Sports Medicine #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101	I agree with these changes.	+	
		\$126-118-3. Licensure Governing Athletic Trainers (Policy 5202)		
3/26/04	James A. Powell P.T., St. Mary's P.T. Clinic 1851 N. Pleasant Highway St. Mary's, WV 26170 (304) 684-2248 (304) 684-2250	Occupational Therapists should be <u>Removed</u> <u>At</u> <u>Once</u> from 4-3.4; they do not have the qualified emergency training nor the appropriate musculo-skeletal & neurological training background to be evaluating football injuries.	- NA	Occupational Therapists receive more training than EMT's
4/5/04	Robert J. Gould Chairman Cambridge Associates, Ltd. Strategic Counsel Email: rigould@atiglobal.net	The use of the term "athletic trainer" in the description of "individuals with limited athletic trainer authorization" who are not certified athletic trainers (at your proposed 3.4) appears to conflict with the bill language. The bill reserved the term "athletic trainer" to those persons "licensed to practice the allied health care professional of athletic training..." Accordingly, it would be preferable to remove the term "athletic," from the proposed nomenclature for athletic trainer substitutes (e.g. "individuals with trainer authorization", "substitute trainer", surrogate trainer" etc.) or develop alternative language that does not contain the phrase "athletic trainer" or any other words, abbreviations, titles or insignia which indicate, imply or represent that the person is an athletic trainer. Thank you for your interest in adjusting this definition to comport with the public's expectations as to what constitutes a certified athletic trainer.	O A	Terminology has been a problem. Counsel for the West Virginia Athletic Trainers Assoc has been consulted and appropriate language has been adopted.

4/5/04	Tony Carley, MS, ATC/WVU Assistant Football Athletic Trainer/Clinical Instructor	Section 3.3 – It states in section 3.2 that those individuals (who are more qualified) needs to have recommendation of County Superintendent. But in section 3.3 (who are less qualified don't. This makes no sense! Section 3.4 – How many years can an individual or school have a limited AT. We should promote growth not just stay the same - What is the section 3.1 – who are these people?	- NA	The lesser qualified individuals are certified for only one year. Staff development is a moot point.
4/9/04	Joseph S. Blauser- ATC HealthSouth Western Hills Interim Director of Sports Medicine #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101	I would strike the word licensure and replace it with certification or credentialing.	NA	This is the appropriate terminology as per Senate Bill #124
4/9/04	Amy Robinson/Health HealthSouth Western Hills Certified Athletic Trainer #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26105	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I feel as though Athletic Trainer possessing NATABOC certification should be listed as certified athletic trainer instead of Authorized Athletic Trainer. ▪ Also, feel as though athletic trainers should be listed per education and credentials. ▪ The goals should be for schools to hire NATABOC certified athletic trainer→ state certified→ Permit athletic trainer → limited. ▪ Change the word licensure to certifying. 	NA	This is the appropriate terminology as per Senate Bill #124
4/9/04	Patricia Hunter/ HealthSouth Western Hills- Certified Athletic Trainer #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101	Terminology gets confusing when defining the 4 titles – 3.2 Authorized Athletic Trainer – 3.1 Athletic Trainer etc – The NATABOC certifies Athletic Trainers Nationally and the title “certified athletic trainer” is applied to those who have passed this exam and met all per-exam standards. Those who haven't legally cannot call themselves certified.	A	Terminology has been a problem. Counsel for the West Virginia Athletic Trainers Assoc has been consulted and appropriate language has been adopted.
4/9/04	Craig Havens-Athletic Director- Montcalm HS PO Box 710 Montcalm, WV 24737	I personally feel that you should include respiratory therapist in your scope of qualifications for Athletic Trainer. R.T's, are trained in emergency, critical care and life threatening situations. R.T's also have to pass a	O	The list in not all inclusive. A respiratory therapists is a licensed health care provider and may be qualified to receive a Limited Football Trainer Authorization.

		<p>National Board instead of State Board. The National Board passing average is less than 50%. Therefore, if you pass the Resp. National Boards you have achieved a great deal. You have included Occupational Therapist who have no training in emergency situations and whose qualifications doesn't compare to R.T.s. Thank you if you have any questions please call me (304) 589-3719.</p> <p>\$126-118- 4. Continuing Education Requirements.</p>		
4/5/04	<p>Tony Carley, MS, ATC/WVU Assistant Football Athletic Trainer/Clinical Instructor</p>	<p>The six performance domains established by the NATABO should be listed in section 6.1. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Prevention of Athletic Injuries 2) Recognition, evaluation, assessment of injuries 3) Immediate care of injuries 4) Treatment, rehabilitation, & reconditioning of athletic injuries. 5) Health care administration 6) Professional development & responsible 	NA	<p>Language of 6.1 was written with the help of members of the WV athletic trainers association.</p>
4/9/04	<p>Joseph S. Blauser- ATC HealthSouth Western Hills Interim Director of Sports Medicine #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101</p>	<p>These standards must be documented and enforced.</p>	<input type="radio"/>	
4/9/04	<p>Stephanie Fouty/Health South – Athletic Trainer #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101</p>	<p>Might include NATA continuing education requirements for NATA</p>	<input type="radio"/>	
4/9/04	<p>Patricia Hunter/ HealthSouth Western Hills- Certified Athletic Trainer #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101</p>	<p>Athletic trainers, and ethically should not falsely misinforce themselves of being a certified athletic trainer.</p>	NO	

4/9/04	Joseph S. Blauser- ATC HealthSouth Western Hills Interim Director of Sports Medicine #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101	7.1 needs to be enforced.	NO	
4/9/04	Joseph S. Blauser- ATC HealthSouth Western Hills Interim Director of Sports Medicine #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101	I agree with these changes.	+	
4/9/04	Stephanie Fouly/Health South – Athletic Trainer #3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101	What are penalties for breaking these rules?	NO	

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Individual/Organization: PATRICK HUNTER HEADSOUTH WESTERN HHS

certified

Title: Athletic trainer

Street Address: 3 Westown Hhs City/State/Zip: Parkersburg WV 26105

§126-118-1. General.

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athletic trainers, and ethically should not falsely misinform themselves of being a certified athletic trainer.

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§126-118-5. Professional Development.

AGAIN 5.2; one cannot be employed as an ATC without actually being one (i.e. passed NATA cert exam).

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Linda Payne

From: Bane McCracken [bmccrack@access.k12.wv.us]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2004 8:05 AM
To: Linda F Payne
Subject: FW: ATC Coverage

-----Original Message-----

From: Vicki Legg [mailto:leggv@marietta.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2004 7:24 PM
To: bmccrack@access.k12.wv.us
Subject: FW: ATC Coverage

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From: Vicki Legg [mailto:leggv@marietta.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2004 4:57 PM
To: bmccracken@access.k12.wv.us
Subject: ATC Coverage

I commend the Department for striving to strengthen the requirements to obtain Certified Athletic Trainers at high school football games and practices. As a West Virginian I have always supported the need for Certified Athletic Trainers to be involved with all high school athletics. Now as an educator of AT students, I try to make my students be aware of the importance of working on the high school level.

I have a concern involving the Limited AT Authority. Most allied health professionals are willing to 'fill in' to address injuries as they can. By providing this opening, the profession of Athletic Training is being hurt, and untrained personnel are being asked to be put in situations that they are **not** educated in such as concussions, brachial plexus injuries, proper equipment fitting, and when to and not to remove equipment. I understand that the economics of hiring ATC's are not in many school budgets, but if an injury happens and is mishandled, then insurance costs will continue to raise and schools will not be able to afford to put a team on the field.

I support your continued work with the WV ATA.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Vicki Legg
Vienna, WV

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4/13/2004

Title: Craig Havens - Athletic Director Montcalm HS

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Individual/Organization: Joseph S. Blausen ATC / HealthSouth Western Hills

Title: Interim Director of Sports Medicine

Street Address: 3 Western Hills Drive City/State/Zip Parkersburg, WV 26105

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§126-118-2. General Rules. *I agree with these changes.*

§126-118-3. Licensure Governing Athletic Trainers (Policy 5202).

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§126-118-4. Continuing Education Requirements. *These standards must be documented and enforced.*

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§126-118-5. Professional Development. *I agree with these changes.*

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§126-118-6. General Role Description. *I agree with these changes and
The limits set forth in 7.2 must be enforced.*

§126-118-7. Governing Principles. *7.1 Needs to be enforced.*

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Individual/Organization: Stephanie Foutty / HealthSouth

Title: Athletic Trainer

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§126-118-4. Continuing Education Requirements.

Might include NATA continuing education requirements for NATA.

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§126-118-6. General Role Description.

§126-118-7. Governing Principles. *(7.1) Very important! Limits conflict of interest issues.*

§126-118-8. Serverability.

What are penalties for breaking these rules?

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Title: Certified Athletic Trainer

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-----Original Message-----

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To: bmccrack@access.k12.wv.us
Cc: erickazimmerman@cc.ucwv.edu
Subject: Policy 5112

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Ericka

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- 3) Immediate care of injuries
- 4) Treatment, Rehabilitation, & Reconditioning of athletic Injuries
- 5) Health care administration
- 6) Professional development & Response

Â§126-118-5. Professional Development.

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Â§126-118-6. General Role Description.

Section 6.2 - The Role of the Permit & limited auth. AT states they have to Referr injuries. Are we afraid of athletes not Reporting injuries due to being held out of competition. Can these people clear anything or do they have to Referr everything.

Â§126-118-7. Governing Principles.

Section 7.3 - once again in section 6.2 it states they have to Referr injuries. Now it states it is up to the limited authorization athletic trainer if they return to participation

Â§126-118-8. Serverability.**Return comments by April 12, 2004 to:**http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/p5112_co.html

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Rebecca:

Thanks for the voice mail reminder this morning. Yes, I had promised to get back to you regarding the proposed changes to Policy 5112, but I needed to consult with their state organization.

As we discussed, the use of the term "athletic trainer" in the description of "individuals with limited athletic trainer authorization" who are not certified athletic trainers (at your proposed 3.4) appears to conflict with the bill language. The bill reserved the term "athletic trainer" to those persons "licensed to practice the allied health care profession of athletic training . . ."

Accordingly, it would be preferable to remove the term "athletic," from the proposed nomenclature for athletic trainer substitutes (e.g. "individuals with trainer authorization", "substitute trainer", "surrogate trainer" etc.) or develop alternative language that does not contain the phrase "athletic trainer" or any other words, abbreviations, titles or insignia which indicate, imply or represent that the person is an athletic trainer.

Thank you for your interest in adjusting this definition to comport with the public's expectations as to what constitutes a certified athletic trainer.

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§126-118-1. General.

§126-118-2. General Rules.

§126-118-3. Licensure Governing Athletic Trainers (Policy 5202).

Occupational Therapists should be removed ~~at~~ once from 4-3.4, they do not have the qualified emergency training nor the appropriate musculo-skeletal & neurological training background to be evaluating football injuries.

§126-118-4. Continuing Education Requirements.

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§126-118-5. Professional Development.