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Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4755:3-2-02 Scope of practice.

Effective: November 13, 2026

(A) With a collaboration agreement pursuant to section 4755.621 of the Revised Code.

(1) Under a collaboration agreement, the athletic trainer is authorized to engage in the following:

(a) The prevention, examination, and athletic training diagnosis of injuries or emergent conditions resulting from physical activities that require skill and utilize strength, power, endurance, speed, flexibility, range of motion, or agility;

(b) The complete management, treatment, disposition, and reconditioning of injuries or emergent conditions resulting from physical activities;

(c) The provision of emergent care, therapeutic interventions, and rehabilitation for injuries or emergent conditions resulting from physical activities;

(d) The promotion of and education about wellness;

(e) The administration of drugs, including topical drugs, that have been prescribed by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and are administered under the direction of the prescriber, except that an athletic trainer shall not administer intra-articular or intratendinous injections;

(f) The performance of athletic training research;

(g) The organization and administration of educational programs and athletic training facilities; and

(h) The education of and consulting with the public as it pertains to athletic training.

(2) A collaboration agreement:

(a) Is entered into between an athletic trainer and one or more physicians;

(b) Is in writing and signed by the athletic trainer and each physician with whom the athletic trainer collaborates;

(c) Is maintained in the records of both the athletic trainer and each collaborating physician;

(d) Addresses the following:

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(i) The duties and responsibilities to be fulfilled by the athletic trainer when engaging in the activities under paragraph (A)(1) of this rule;

(ii) Any limitations on the athletic trainer's performance of the activities; and

(iii) A plan of care for patients treated by the athletic trainer.

(B) Without a collaboration agreement pursuant to section 4755.622 of the Revised Code.

(1) Athletic trainers who do not have a collaboration agreement with a physician must maintain standard operating procedures or have a referral pursuant to section 4755.623 of the Revised Code and are authorized to engage in only the following activities:

(a) The practice of prevention, recognition, and assessment of an athletic injury;

(b) The complete management, treatment, disposition, and reconditioning of acute athletic injuries;

(c) The administration of topical drugs that have been prescribed by a health professional authorized to prescribe drugs;

(d) The organization and administration of educational programs and athletic facilities; and

(e) The education of and consulting with the public as it pertains to athletic training.

(2) A standard operating procedure means a written referral relationship that consists of a plan of care communicated between the health care professional listed in division (A) of section 4755.623 of the Revised Code or rule 4755:3-2-01 of the Administrative Code and the athletic trainer and shall include procedures for assessment and treatment.