



Support HB 45: Health Carriers; Licensed Athletic Trainers
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What is the current situation at hand?

- ATs are Masters level educated, licensed healthcare professionals of the Commonwealth. They hold a national certification by the Board of Certification, and have National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers and taxonomy codes.
 - Taxonomy Code: 2255A2300X – Specialist/Technologist – Athletic Trainer
- Within Virginia, ATs practice under the direction of a doctor of medicine, or any doctor of osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry.
- ATs provide musculoskeletal injury evaluation, rehabilitation, emergency management triage, and injury prevention training. In addition, they are universally recognized as concussion management experts.
- Found in the American Medical Association’s (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code book, ATs are recognized with their own subset of evaluation codes, and share access to common procedure codes in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) section.
 - For example: Athletic Training evaluation/re-evaluation codes: 97169-97172
 - Therapeutic activities/modalities: 97110, 97112, 97116, 97140, 97530, 97032-97036, etc.
- **At present time**, ATs are struggling to receive reimbursement from third party payers for legally licensed healthcare services that the AT is delivering to his/her patient(s).

What will HB 45 do?

- HB 45 will amend §38.2-3408 and §38.2-4221, which is non-discriminatory insurance reimbursement language, to add “licensed Athletic Trainer” and align ATs with other non-physician providers who appear in the code.
- HB 45 will allow Athletic Trainers to utilize third party reimbursement for services provided that they are legally licensed to deliver within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Current Status of HB 45

- HB 45 during the last general assembly was titled HB 59 and referred to the Committee on Labor and Commerce.
- The bill was then further referred to the Health Insurance Reform Commission (HIRC).
- HB 59 received a unanimous in favor vote of the measure.
- The measure was pre-filled for the 2022 General Assembly and titled HB 45.

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Please aid the Athletic Training healthcare professionals throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia by supporting HB 45!