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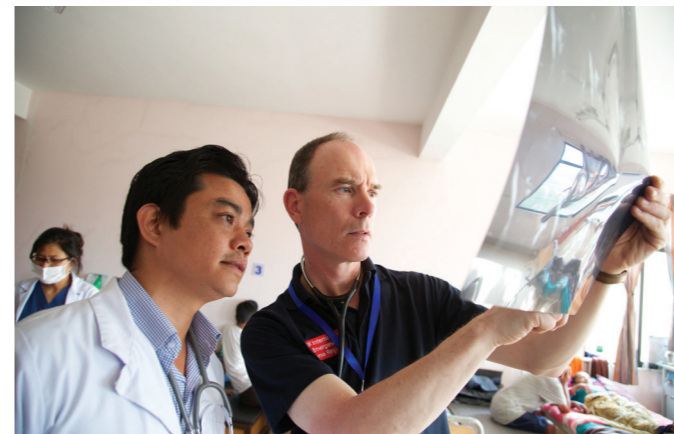
**Sports Medicine
Licensure Clarity
State Toolkit**

Background

► Sports medicine professionals are responsible for the organization, management and provision of care for athletes in individual, team, and mass participation sporting events. Oftentimes, these professionals travel with the athletes across state lines. Currently, out-of-state athletic team medical staff cannot treat players and others because they lack a license in the visiting state.



In these circumstances, the sports medicine professional must choose between treating injured athletes at great professional risk or handing over the care of an injured player to another professional who is not familiar with the individual's medical history. The team sports medicine professionals add value to the treatment episode that cannot be duplicated by a physician who does not have a long-standing awareness of the individual athlete's medical history. Sports medicine providers should not have to choose between treating injured athletes at great professional risk and reducing athletes' access to quality health care services.



When speaking with state legislators about the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act, don't forget to mention:

► Currently, out-of-state athletic team medical staff cannot treat players and others because they lack a license in our state.

► Our Orthopaedic Society is working with stakeholders to fix this problem. Language based on model legislation the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons is used.

► The legislation states any visiting team physician must be licensed in their home state and must have an agreement with a sports team to provide care for the team while traveling in that state.

► The bill bans a visiting physician from practicing at a healthcare clinic or healthcare facility including an acute care facility in the visiting state. A visiting team physician can administer sideline evaluations, triage and diagnostic services. However, they must defer to a licensed physician in our state if an athlete or staff member needs to be transported to a facility.

► The bill does not give prescriptive rights to out-of-state medical staff.

Letter to the Editor

A Game Changer for <STATE> by <ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON>

The <STATE> legislature introduced <BILL NUMBER> <BILL NAME> yesterday, allowing out-of-state athletic team medical staff to treat their players, coaches and other personnel while participating in games or tournaments in <STATE>.

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<STATE> Orthopaedic Society, with <XXX number of Sports Medicine Physicians in the state> members is working with <SPONSORS> on a bill to fix this. The legislation introduced states that any visiting team physician must be licensed in their home state and must have an agreement with a sports team in order to provide care for the team while traveling in our state.

"Sports medicine physicians are pleased the legislature has acted upon this important initiative of our profession. With this legislation, both home and visiting athletes will receive the top flight care they need to compete in our states sporting contests," said <ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON>. "Our members thank <SPONSORS> for giving their support for this legislation."

Under this legislation, a visiting team physician can administer sideline evaluations, triage and perform diagnostic services. However, they must defer to a <STATE> licensed physician if an athlete or staff member needs to be transported to a facility. The bill bans a visiting physician from practicing at a healthcare clinic or healthcare facility including an acute care facility in the visiting state. The bill does not give prescriptive rights to out-of-state medical staff.

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Sports medicine professionals across the country thank <STATE> Legislature for considering this legislation that helps deliver the best possible care to athletes.

Model Legislation

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to allopathic and osteopathic physicians; authorizing exemption of certain physicians under certain circumstances; providing stipulations for exemptions; specifying application of exemptions; providing certain construction; prescribing duration for exemptions; authorizing <STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE and/or STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE> to enter into certain agreements for certain purposes; permitting certain procedures in agreements; directing promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF <STATE>:

A new section of law to be codified in the <STATE> Statutes as Section XXX of Title XX, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A physician licensed in good standing to practice in another state shall be exempt from the licensure requirements of the <STATE MEDICAL BOARD LICENSURE ACT> or <STATE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL BOARD ACT> if either of the following apply:

1. The physician has a written or oral agreement with a sports team to provide care to team members and coaching staff traveling with the team for a specific sporting event to take place in this state; or
2. The physician has been invited by a national sport governing body to provide services to team members and coaching staff at a national sport training center in this state or to provide services at an event or competition in this state which is sanctioned by the national sport governing body so long as:
 - a. the physician's practice is limited to that required by the national sport governing body, and
 - b. the services provided by the physician are within the physician's scope of practice.

B. Nothing in this act shall be construed as to permit a physician exempt by the provisions of this act to:

1. Provide care or consultation to any person residing in this state, other than a person specified in subsection A of this act; or
2. Practice at a licensed health care facility in this state.

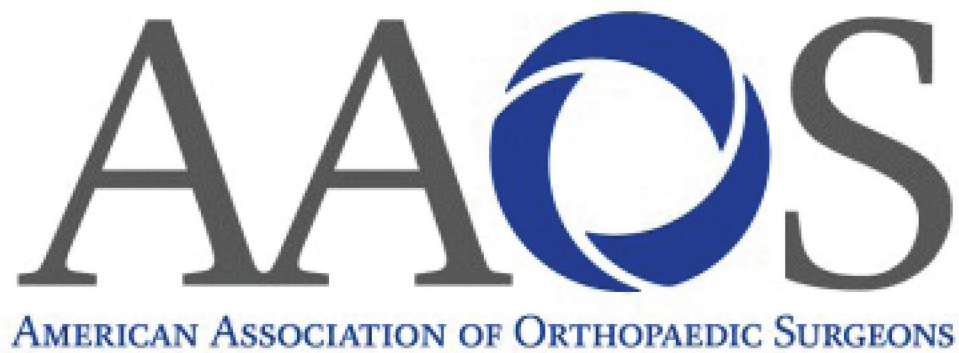
C. An exemption obtained pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this act shall be valid while the physician is traveling with the sports team, provided no exemption shall be longer than ten (10) days in duration for each respective sporting event. A maximum of twenty (20) additional days per sporting event may be granted upon prior request to the <STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE and/or STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE ACT>, provided no physician shall be exempted more than thirty (30) additional days in a calendar year.

D. An exemption obtained pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 2 of subsection A of this act shall be valid during the time certified by the national sport governing body, provided no exemption shall be for longer than thirty (30) days.

E. The <STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE and/or STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE> may enter into agreements with medical and osteopathic licensing boards of other states to implement the provisions of this act. Agreements may include procedures for reporting potential medical license violations.

F. The <STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE and/or STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE> shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

G. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.



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