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Jason Dunavant
President
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Re: Athletic Trainers as Qualified Health Care Providers under the LMMA

Dear Mr. Dunavant:

It was a pleasure speaking with you and Cindy this week on whether athletic trainers can enroll in the Patient's Compensation Fund (PCF) and be deemed a Qualified Health Care Provider and covered under the Louisiana Medical Malpractice Act.

Currently there are over 50 licensed athletic trainers enrolled in the PCF and many have been since 2007. It is the position of the PCF; athletic trainers are eligible to enroll and are deemed Qualified Health Care Providers by definition, in the "Other" category. Being a Qualified Provider entitles the provider to statutorily limited liability exposure of \$100,000 per claim.

To enroll an athletic trainer must hold a current Louisiana license, provide financial responsibility with minimum limits of \$100,000/\$300,000 through an approved professional liability insurer or provide a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$125,000 and pay the appropriate PCF surcharge. An application must be completed, and enrollment is then accepted. There is no underwriting by the PCF. If a trainer meets the above criteria they will be enrolled.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at any time to discuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Schnauder".

Ken Schnauder
Executive Director