RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
PROPOSED PERMANENT RULE

TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
CHAPTER 25. ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND APPRENTICES

PROPOSED RULES:
435:25-1-2. Definitions [AMENDED]
Subchapter 3. Licensure of Athletic Trainers
435:25-3-1. Licensure by examination [AMENDED]
435:25-3-2. Licensure by endorsement [AMENDED]
Subchapter 5. Regulation of Athletic Trainer Practice
435:25-5-2. Initial licensure; renewal; reinstatement [AMENDED]
435:25-5-4. Prescribing drugs [AMENDED]
435:25-5-5. Disclosure of examination contents by licensee prohibited [REVOKED]
Subchapter 7. Licensure of Apprentice Athletic Trainers
435:25-7-1. Definitions [REVOKED]
Subchapter 11. Disciplinary Action
435:25-11-2. Investigatory hearings [REVOKED]

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED RULE:
The proposed revisions will bring the rules up to date and consistent with updated educational curriculum being taught to Athletic Trainers and pathway for licensure. The name of the national certifying body has been corrected in the proposed amendment. Certification is currently required for initial licensure but not renewal of licensure. The proposed rule amendments also close that loophole, and certification will now be required for licensure renewal as well. ATs will be able to administer and dispense scheduled and legend drugs under the supervision of a physician, but ATs have not been and will not be allowed to prescribe scheduled and legend drugs. These revisions also consolidate the definitions used in the rules related to ATs into one section. Additionally, contradictory language regarding the Committee conducting investigatory hearings that are currently performed by the Board consistent with its statutory authority under the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act is being repealed along with a prohibition on disclosure of examination contents as neither the Board nor the Committee administer the BOC Certification Examination.

CLASSES AFFECTED:
The classes of persons most likely to be affected by the proposed amendments are Athletic Trainers, physicians who supervise Athletic Trainers, and those members of the public receiving care provided from an Athletic Trainer. No information on cost impact has been received by the agency from private or public entities to date.

PERSONS BENEFITTED:
The classes of persons most likely to benefit from the proposed amendments are Athletic Trainers, physicians who supervise Athletic Trainers, and those members of the public receiving care provided by an Athletic Trainer.

PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT:
1. On affected classes: There will be little or no impact due to the proposed changes in these rules.
2. On political subdivision: There will be little or no impact due to the proposed changes in these rules.

3. Fees: There will be little or no impact due to the proposed changes in these rules.

PROBABLE COST TO THE AGENCY:
Minimal administrative only. No additional personnel or budget expenses are anticipated.

WILL THE RULE IMPACT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:
No economic impact, or a need for cooperation from political subdivisions, is anticipated.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT:
There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business, with reference to Sections 303 (A) (4) and 304 (b) (6) of the APA.

ALTERNATIVE METHODS AND COSTS OF COMPLIANCE:
There are no apparent alternative methods for compliance. The Agency does not anticipate any additional costs of administration due to implementation of these rule changes.

PUBLIC HEALTH/ SAFETY CONCERNS:
There will be no adverse impact or concerns with public safety or environment that will result for this proposed rule change.

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