

## **WORKERS' COMPENSATION RELATED INJURIES DURING CLINICAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCES**

If you are injured during your clinical education experience you may be eligible for Workers' Compensation benefits. When work-related accidents or injuries happen, the Athletic Training Program (AT Program) is required by state law to make sure an injured athletic training student is provided necessary protection and care. Benefits may include payment for medical treatment, replacement of lost wages during periods of disability, and compensation for permanent disability. Injured athletic training students should immediately report any clinical education related injuries to their preceptor and the AT Program immediately and seek medical treatment. **ALL INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SEVERITY.**

### **WHEN AN INJURY OCCURS**

- Immediately tell your preceptor and the AT Program (Clinical Education Coordinator) if you are injured at your clinical education experience so that medical treatment may be authorized and a Workers' Compensation claim filed. Failure to immediately report the injury may deprive you of the right to compensation.
- The Clinical Education Coordinator and the AT student will call CompEndium Services immediately at 877-709-2667 to report the injury.
- The AT Student will complete an Employee Injury Report and Supervisor Injury Report and provide to the Thomson Student Health Center and/or CompEndium.

### **WHO IS COVERED FOR WHAT**

All athletic training students participating in clinical education experience through the University of South Carolina AT Program are covered by Workers' Compensation. Any accidental injury or occupational disease sustained by the athletic training student in the course of performing their clinical education experiences may be covered. Any accidental injury or occupational disease sustained by the athletic training student outside of AT Program sanctioned clinical education experiences **WILL NOT** be covered.

### **RECEIVING MEDICAL TREATMENT**

- The athletic training student must receive medical treatment for work related injuries at the medical facility designated for your campus. **USC Columbia** - Thomson Student Health Center located behind the Russell House on Greene Street.
- If the injury occurs when the designated facility is closed, or if the injury is serious, athletic training students in Columbia should go to the Palmetto Health Richland Emergency Room. Athletic training students that are outside of the Columbia should go to emergency room nearest their location.

### **ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT VERIFICATION**

I have received, read and reviewed the AT Program Policy and Procedures listed above for Workers' Compensation while participating in Clinical Education Experiences. I understand that I have access to this document and all other Policy and Procedures for the AT Program through Blackboard at any time during my tenure within the AT Program. If I have any questions regarding risk management and workers compensation, I will contact the athletic training program director or the USC Risk Management office at (803) 777-7103.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature, Athletic Training Student

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Name, Athletic Training Student (Print)

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Signature, Parent/Guardian  
(If student is under 18)

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Name, Parent/Guardian (Print)

