



STATE OF ALABAMA  
BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS  
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Dear Athletic Trainers of the State of Alabama:

My name is James L. Jones, and I am the new Chairman of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers. I have served on the Board for several years, and I am honored to now represent you as the Board Chair.

As we began this year, the Board was made aware of concerns that were raised during last year's Sunset Review. I want to assure you that your concerns were not taken lightly.

First, there was the question of requiring CPR and AED training at the Healthcare Provider status or above on a yearly basis. This question was raised about two years ago to the Board, and a decision was reached at that time that Certified Athletic Trainers should be refreshed on CPR and AED usage annually at the Healthcare Provider status or above. The Board reasoned that this was necessary due to Athletic Trainers being present at practices and competitions where the use of CPR and an AED would most likely be needed. Athletic Trainers will continue to earn seven Continuing Education units for annual CPR and AED training at the Healthcare Provider status or above.

Secondly, during last year's Sunset Review, approximately 25% of licensees who responded to the Sunset Review Committee's Licensee Survey expressed concerns over the length of time that it took the Board to issue renewal ID cards. The Board's attorney has advised the Board to change the renewal dates and procedures. The Board will send out a letter outlining the changes which will expedite the renewal process and issuance of licensure ID cards. This new process will be in line with other licensing agencies in the State.

Again, I am proud to represent you as the Chairman of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers. As a Board, it is our duty to make sure that we are licensing and regulating the profession to serve the public in a professional and proficient manner. If there are any concerns, please feel free to make them known in writing so that we may do all to protect the integrity of our profession.

Sincerely,  
James L. Jones  
Chairman