The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) would like to express our appreciation for the time and dedication that goes in to providing quality continuing education programs for Certified Athletic Trainers (ATs). The BOC also thanks everyone who renewed BOC Approved Provider status for 2008. As you know, ATs recertify every three years, and it is your quality programs that keep ATs on the cutting edge in the healthcare profession!

The BOC is always looking for new providers of continuing education to cover the broad educational range in AT practice settings. We have a referral program available to all BOC Approved Providers; you will find more information on the BOC Approved Provider Referral Program below.

**Referrals**

Do you know of a company you think should be a BOC Approved Provider? The BOC will give your company a 20% discount on your 2009 renewal fee for referring any company that applies and becomes a BOC Approved Provider by September 30, 2008. All you have to do is have them write “Referred by «your company name» «your BOC Approved Provider number»” on their application.

Example: Referred by ABC Sports Medicine P0123

It’s that easy. Get started today! Refer more than one company that becomes a BOC Approved Provider and get 10% off a mailing list.

**Mailing Lists**

Plan your marketing strategies for your 2008 events. There are more than 8,000 ATs that have continuing education due at the end of 2008. Mailing lists are available to BOC Approved Providers at a discounted rate and include all ATs. Obtain the entire database of ATs or a customized list by designating certain states, districts or ZIP codes. Let us help you market your services to the ever growing population of ATs. Visit our website at [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org) or email MindyL@bocatc.org to obtain an order form. Promotional materials distributed to ATs are required to be approved at the time a BOC mailing list is ordered.

Promotional material guidelines:

- The following is the only statement that may be used to identify a BOC Approved Provider: “Company Name is recognized by the Board of Certification, Inc. to offer continuing education for Certified Athletic Trainers.”
- The BOC Approved Provider logo, which can be downloaded from the BOC website, is formatted as a perfect square (image height is equal to image width). The image should not be altered to be any other shape. Size adjustments can be made; however, the logo must remain proportionate. Please Be Certain,™ the logo is always in proportion to the original dimensions.

**Be on the Lookout!**

The BOC will audit ALL BOC Approved Providers in 2008. Twenty percent (20%) will be required to comply with the full audit, and eighty percent (80%) will be required to comply with an abridged audit. Providers who complied with the 2007 audit will participate in the abridged audit; the remaining providers will be selected randomly. Audit notices will be mailed each quarter.

Be Certain,™ that the promotional materials you submit for the audit follow the BOC guidelines. The following is the only statement and logo that may be used to identify a BOC Approved Provider:

“Company Name is recognized by the Board of Certification, Inc. to offer continuing education for Certified Athletic Trainers.”
Dos & Don'ts – Common Mistakes

Do:
• Put your BOC Approved Provider number on your certificates of attendance/completion
• Contact the BOC when the contact person changes
• Keep your records of attendance, course outlines, evaluations, copies of brochures and samples of certificates for at least four (4) years
• Refer to your company as a BOC Approved Provider

Don’t:
• Advertise courses for BOC credit if the content does not meet BOC requirements
• Require participants to hold credentials other than BOC certification
• List the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) as NATABOC
• Refer to your company as an NATA provider or NATABOC provider

New BOC Approved Providers

The BOC would like to welcome all new BOC Approved Providers since the fall 2007 issue of The Approved Provider. I encourage you to contact me at any time with questions, and I look forward to working with each of you.

A Chance to Heal
Active Core, LLC
Active Spine and Sport Therapy
Alabama Society of Physician Assistants
Allina Hospitals & Clinics
Aquinas College
Associated Colleges of Central Kansas
Athens Sports Therapy and Rehab
Avanti Institute
Blue Ridge Seminars
Bodymechanix Sports Medicine & Physical Therapy
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta/Sports Medicine Department
Educise Resources Inc.
Empiridenc™ Seminars/Kolbeck Physiotherapy Services
Florida Academy of Physician Assistants
Glasson Sports Medicine
Grand Valley State University
Learning Partners
Lock Haven University Athletic Training Education Program
Manual Therapy Educators
Nationwide Children’s Hospital Sports Medicine
Neurodynamic Solutions USA, LLC
North Dakota State University
Oklahoma Institute for Disaster and Emergency Medicine
Orthopaedic Associates of Central Texas, P.A.
Orthopaedic Associates of Wisconsin
Orthopaedic Foundation for Active Lifestyles
OSI Physical Therapy
Pacific Medical
Phoenix Rehab and Health Services
Physiolink Seminars
Physiotherapy Associates
Providence Orthopaedic and Neurospine Institute
Robert Morris University
Scott & White Hospital
Spartanburg Regional Sports Medicine
Sports and Orthopaedic Seminars
St. Francis Health Center – Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System
St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center
Stercycle
Summit Professional Education
taproot Continuing Education
The Children’s Hospital
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
The Zuleger Group LLC
Twin Cities Orthopedics
University of Indianapolis, Athletic Training
University of Nebraska
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
New BOC Approved Providers (continued)

University of Southern California – Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy
University of Washington Athletics
University Sports Medicine
Washington State Athletic Training Association
Western Athletic Clubs/WAC Academy
Wheeling Jesuit University
World Instructor Training Schools (W.I.T.S.)

Featured BOC Approved Provider

It is very important that ATs are able to recognize BOC Approved Providers when looking at advertisements or attendance certificates. Therefore, the BOC recognizes BOC Approved Providers who follow the guidelines to help identify the BOC in these materials. A BOC Approved Provider is featured in each issue of The Approved Provider. The latest featured BOC Approved Provider is The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia has been a BOC Approved Provider since October 2007. As you can see in the advertisement below, The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia adheres to the policies found under “Business Practices” of the BOC Approved Provider Guidebook. Recently, the BOC asked The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s Catrice Butler to comment on the benefits of being a BOC Approved Provider.

“In February 2008, I was responsible for planning a Concussion Conference in Philadelphia, PA. This conference was designed for individuals involved with pediatric sports-related concussion injuries, including physicians, school personnel, coaches, Athletic Trainers, first responders, occupational therapists and physical therapists. The BOC enabled me to obtain approved provider status, AT mailing labels and BOC continuing education credits for all ATs that attended the conference. My experience with working with the BOC has been exceptional. Mindy Lindquist, Provider Relations Manager, has personally worked with me in obtaining all BOC required forms and materials to make the Concussion Conference the great success it was. Working with her and the BOC has been a pleasure!”

Course Overview
The purpose of the one day conference is to develop knowledge and skills in how to develop a safe sports environment to better prevent the occurrence of concussion, as well as, to manage concussion in the most effective, state-of-the-art ways to minimize negative outcomes. This conference is designed for individuals involved with pediatric sports-related concussion injuries, including physicians, neuropsychologists, school personnel, coaches, athletic trainers, first responders, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech pathologists, families and athletes.

This conference is financially supported by The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Byram Lecture Series
Additional support by Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania

General Information
The conference will be held on the first floor of the Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Pediatric Research Center. The registration fee is $100. The registration fee includes continental breakfast, breaks, lunch, and syllabus material.

Course Objectives
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:
· Define concussion and the prevalence of concussion in sports activities.
· Describe medical aspects of concussion—short and long term effects.
· Describe current standards and tools for sideline assessment.
· Review initial concussion assessment and basic emergency guidelines.
· Identify functional consequences of concussions in academic settings.
· Describe best practice for safety and prevention of concussion, including proper head gear.

Accreditation Statement
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation Statement
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6.75 Category 1 credits.* Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nursing Accreditation
An application for PSNA contact hours will be submitted. The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia is approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, which is accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

ASHA CEUs
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia is approved by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. This program is offered for 6.7 ASHA’s, intermediate level, professional area. ASHA approval of continuing education sponsorship does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

AOTA CEUs
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia has been approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Occupational Therapy Association to provide continuing education activities in Occupational Therapy. This program is offering 6.7 AOTA CEUs in the intermediate level. The assignment of AOTA CEU’s does not imply endorsement of specific course content, products, or clinical procedures by AOTA.

BOC CEUs
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia is recognized by the Board of Certification, Inc. to offer continuing education for Certified Athletic Trainers.

For Consideration
If you would like to be considered for recognition as a BOC Approved Provider, please submit your advertisements and certificates of completion for review. You can email your electronic promotional materials to MindyL@bocatc.org or mail your printed promotional materials to:
Board of Certification
Attn: Provider Relations Manager
4223 S 143rd Cir
Omaha NE 68137-4505

Brain Safety in Sports: The Concussion Conundrum

February 28, 2008
The Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Pediatric Research Center
Sponsored by
The Occupational Therapy Department of The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Hope lives here.

www.chop.edu/emc
Revised BOC Approved Provider Guidebook

Be Certain™ to check out the newly revised BOC Approved Provider Guidebook online at www.bocatc.org. Information that has been updated includes:

- Certificate of attendance credit statement
- Mailing list guidelines
- Promotional material guidelines

Online Forms

As a reminder, changes have been made to several of the BOC Approved Provider forms to better serve you and ATs. Be Certain™ you are using the most current forms when submitting home study courses for approval, ordering mailing lists or submitting courses for the online Calendar of Events. The most current forms can be found at www.bocatc.org.

Online Calendar of Events

Announce your program on the “CE Calendar of Events” page at www.bocatc.org. ATs will be able to view details of your event including a description, cost, number of CEUs, location and how to register. Posting an event/course is a free service for BOC Approved Providers.

Don’t be left out!

Please complete the Calendar of Events form available on the BOC website at www.bocatc.org. Return the completed form via fax to (402) 561-0598 or by mail to:

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Attn: Provider Relations Manager
4223 S 143rd Cir
Omaha NE 68137-4505