

Inquiry regarding remote consult services and Occupational Athletic Training Services:

I work with an Illinois based company providing Occupational Athletic Training services. This company has a location in Las Vegas (~150 employees) and is interested providing a web based consultation service. Essentially an employee could conference call with me in Illinois to ask about work or non-work related aches or pains. From this consult the individual would be given basic instructions on self-care from first aid to stretches/exercises. If the injury is more significant they would be referred for further medical care.

In the process of defining guidelines for this consultation service I'm looking to what extent advice can be given and at what point licensure would be required.

1.)

NRS 640B.011 "Assessment" defined. "Assessment" includes taking the medical history of a patient, visually inspecting the injured portion of the body and the associated structures, palpating the bony landmarks and soft tissue and applying special tests to systematically assess the pathology and extent of the injury or condition.

(Added to NRS by 2003,

894<<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Statutes/72nd/Stats200307.html#Stats200307page894>>)

Defining Consultation vs. Assessment - would the board feel there is a difference? Limited medical history would be taken as it only pertains to the specific ailment or chief complaint of injury. Through the web visual inspection could be conducted, however no physical assessments (palpation, special test) would be performed.

2.)

NRS 640B.041 "Evaluation" defined. "Evaluation" includes, without limitation, the use of joint range of motion, manual muscle tests, ligamentous stress tests, neurological tests and functional capacity assessments.

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Defining Consultation vs. Evaluation- as this would be a web consultation, AROM would be the only visually observation.

3.)

NRS 640B.015 "Athlete" defined. "Athlete" means a natural person who:

1. Participates in an athletic activity conducted by:

(a) An intercollegiate athletic association or interscholastic athletic association;

(b) A professional athletic organization; or

(c) An amateur athletic organization; or

2. Participates in a recreational sport activity that:

(a) Has officially designated coaches;

(b) Conducts regularly scheduled practices or workouts that are supervised by coaches; and

(c) Has established schedules for competitive events or exhibitions.

The individuals consulted with may or may not be defined as "Athlete"