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Dear Doctor Behnke

I am very pleased to inform you that the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association (AMA), on June 22, 1990, recognized athletic trainers, on behalf of the AMA, as an allied health profession and directed staff of the Division of Allied Health Education and Accreditation (DAHEA) to initiate procedures necessary for establishing an accreditation review mechanism for entry-level athletic trainer educational programs. A staff person from DAHEA will soon be designated to assist you and representatives from The National Athletic Trainers Association and The American Academy of Pediatrics with the work that lies ahead.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the accreditation of Athletic Trainer educational programs under the aegis of the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation. The AMA looks forward to working with the National Athletic Trainers Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics as collaborators with the AMA in this important endeavor.

Sincerely

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