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National Athletic Trainers Association's
Youth Sports Safety Alliance

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The Hopedale Medical Complex is a rural, critical access hospital in Central Illinois. It is our mission to provide quality healthcare to the rural population, including the athletes.

The Certified Athletic Trainers at the Hopedale Medical Complex are beginning their ninth year of providing athletic training services to five rural school districts.

The Call to Action initiative has been implemented in our schools. Our staff has developed effective communications with parents, athletes, school administration, coaches and school nurses on sports safety issues and student-athlete care. In addition, each school has in place pre-season parent meetings where our ATC's conduct educational information on the domains as listed in the Call to Action Plan.

Education is the premises to prevention. With the continued research of sports-related injuries in the youth population, engagement of Certified Athletic Trainers in the school systems and promoting congressional support, Protecting America's Student Athlete can be achieved in a efficient and effective manner.

Thank you for consideration of having the Hopedale Medical Complex as a member and supporter of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance.

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