

CNS Prescriptive Authority by State

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State	Independent	Dependent	No Prescribing Authority	Transition to Practice Requirement
Alaska	X			
Alabama			X	
Arizona	X, DME only			
Arkansas		X		
California			X	
Colorado	X			X
Connecticut	X			
Delaware	X			
District of Columbia	X			
Florida			X	
Georgia		X		
Hawaii	X			
Idaho	X			
Illinois		X		
Indiana		X		
Iowa	X			
Kansas		X		
Kentucky		X		
Louisiana		X		
Maine	X			
Maryland			X	
Massachusetts		X, PMH only*		
Michigan		X		
Minnesota	X			
Mississippi			X	
Missouri		X		
Montana	X			
Nebraska		X		
Nevada	X			
New Hampshire			X	
New Jersey		X		
New Mexico	X			
New York			X	
North Carolina			X	
North Dakota	X			
Ohio		X		
Oklahoma		X		
Oregon	X			
Pennsylvania			X	
Rhode Island	X			
South Carolina		X		
South Dakota			X	
Tennessee		X		
Texas		X		
Utah	X			
Vermont	X			
Virginia		X		

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Washington			X	
West Virginia		X		
Wisconsin		X		
Wyoming	X			
Total	19	20	12	1

Green – Change since 2010

- ***PMH** – Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist; MA has 2 CNS categories CNS and PMHCNS; the requirements of collaboration are specific to CNPs and prescribing CNSs and only the PMH CNS has prescriptive authority

Independent - no requirement for a written collaborative agreement, no supervision, no conditions for practice

Not Independent - a written agreement exists that specifies scope of practice and medical acts allowed with or without a general supervision requirement by a MD, DO, DDS or podiatrist; or direct supervision required in the presence of a licensed, MD, DO, DDS or podiatrist with or without a written practice agreement.

Prescriptive Authority - an APRN is authorized to prescribe pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic therapies beyond the perioperative and periprocedural periods.

Source: National Council of State Boards of Nursing, APRN Maps, <https://www.ncsbn.org/5410.htm>
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