

CNS Practice and Prescriptive Authority in the States - Changes Since 2010

Practice Authority				Prescriptive Authority		
	Independent Practice	Recognizes CNS Role as APRN, not independent, requires collaboration	Transition to Practice Requirement	Independent	Dependent Prescriptive Authority	Transition to Practice Requirement
Alaska	X			X		
Arizona	X			X, DME only		
Colorado				X, prior to 2010		X
Connecticut	X, prior to 2010		X			
Delaware	X		X	X		
Georgia		X			X	
Hawaii	X, prior to 2010			X		
Illinois		X*				
Maryland	X, PMH** only					
Massachusetts		X				
Minnesota	X		X			
Nevada	X		X			
North Dakota	X			X		
Oregon	X			X		
Rhode Island	X, prior to 2010			X		
Vermont	X, prior to 2010, PMH** only		X			

***Illinois** CNS is autonomous in hospital, hospital affiliate, or ambulatory surgical center

** **PMH** Psychiatric Mental Health CNS

Alaska

- Practice Authority: Alaska Statutes and Regulations October 2014, 12 AAC 44.380. Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role And Population Focus; 12 AAC 44.440
- Prescriptive Authority: Alaska Statutes and Regulations October 2014, 12 AAC 44.380. Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role And Population Focus; 12 AAC 44.440.
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/5/pub/NursingStatutes.pdf>

Arizona

- Practice Authority: Rules of the Arizona State Board of Nursing, Updates: July 25, 2014, Article 5-R4-19-514
<https://www.azbn.gov/Documents/npa/RULES.pdf>
- Prescriptive Authority: Arizona Revised Statute 32-1601. Definitions (L12, Ch. 152, sec. 1. Eff. Until 7/1/16);
<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ars/32/01601.htm>

Colorado

- Prescriptive Authority: Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 12, Professions and Occupations, Article 38, Nurses, Effective July 1, 2015, § 12-38-111.6. Prescriptive authority--advanced practice nurses—rules
<http://coana.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/NPA.pdf>

Connecticut

- Practice Authority: Transition to Practice – Collaboration with physician for 3 years; Connecticut Department of Public Health, Chapter 378 Nursing, Sec. 20-87a. Definition of “advanced nursing practice”
http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/practitioner_licensing_and_investigations/plis/nursing/chapter_378_nursing.pdf

Delaware

- Practice Authority: Delaware Regulations 1900 Nursing, Section 8.6, Establishes a collaborative agreement with a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, or licensed Delaware health care delivery system to facilitate consultation and/or referral as appropriate in the delivery of health care to clients.
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title24/1900.pdf>
- Prescriptive Authority: State of Delaware, Division of Professional regulations, 8.12.3 The Advanced Practice Nurse will be required to furnish the name(s) of the licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, or licensed Delaware health care delivery system with whom a current collaborative agreement exist.
<http://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/apnlicense.shtml>

Georgia

- Practice Authority: (Clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric/mental health) Georgia Code, Title 43. Professions And Businesses Chapter 26. Nurses Article 1. Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act
<http://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2010/title-43/chapter-26/article-1>
Rule 360-32-.02 Requirements for Nurse Protocol Agreements Pursuant to Code Section 43-34-25 (collaborative agreement)
<http://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/360-32>
- Prescriptive Authority: Rule 360-32-.02 Requirements for Nurse Protocol Agreements Pursuant to Code Section 43-34-25 (collaborative agreement)
http://all.eregulations.us/eRegs_Georgia/Code/CHAPTER360/Chapter360-32//3603202.pdf

Hawaii

- Prescriptive Authority: Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 16 Department Of Commerce And Consumer Affairs Chapter 89 Nurses, Subchapter 16 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Prescriptive Authority 2013
https://www.ncsbn.org/hi_adminrules.pdf

Illinois – *question sent to BON year and statute*

- Practice Authority: Il Administrative Code Title 68: Professions And Occupations Chapter VII: Department Of Financial And Professional Regulation Subchapter B: Professions And Occupations Part 1300 Nurse Practice Act, Section 1300.440 APN Scope of Practice, Section 1300.410 Written Collaborative Agreements, Section 1300.460 Advanced Practice Nursing in Hospitals or Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers
<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/06801300sections.html>

Maryland

- Practice Authority: Maryland Board of Nursing, Advanced Practice Registered Nursing: Clinical Nurse Specialists
http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/SubtitleSearch.aspx?search=10.27.27.*

Massachusetts

- Practice Authority: Board of Registration of Nursing 244 CMR, Advanced Practice Registered Nursing, 2014
http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/searchresults.html?output=xml_no_dtd&client=mg_eohhs&proxystylesheet=massgov&getfields=*&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&tlen=215&sitfolder=eohhs&filter=0&startsite=EOHHSx&q=clinical+nurse+specialists&site=EOHHSx&x=0&y=0

Minnesota

- Practice Authority: 2015 Minnesota Board of Nursing, Nurse Practice Act, 148.171
<http://mn.gov/health-licensing-boards/nursing/laws-and-rules/nurse-practice-act/index.jsp>
- Transition to Practice: Subd. 1c. Postgraduate practice. A nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist who qualifies for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse must practice for at least 2,080 hours, within the context of a collaborative agreement, within a

hospital or integrated clinical setting where advanced practice registered nurses and physicians work together to provide patient care.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148.211>

Nevada

- Practice Authority: Transition to practice. NAC 632.020 “Advanced practice registered nurse” defined. **NAC 632.037 “Clinical nurse specialist” defined.** NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 8-18-88; A by R112-11, 2-15-2012 (transition to practice defined) http://enp-network.s3.amazonaws.com/Nevada_APN/pdf/Open_letter_to_APNRs.pdf

North Dakota

- Practice Authority: North Dakota CHAPTER 43-12.1, <https://www.ndbon.org/RegulationsPractice/NursePracticesAct.asp>
- Prescriptive Authority: 2012, Chapter 54-05-03.1 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse 54-05-03.1-09. Requirements for prescriptive authority <http://www.legis.nd.gov/information/acdata/pdf/54-05-03.1.pdf?20150824195101>

Oregon

- Practice Authority: Oregon State Board of Nursing, Division 54, Clinical Nurse Specialist http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_800/oar_851/851_054.html
- Prescriptive Authority: Oregon State Board Of Nursing, Division 56, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Authority To Prescribe And Dispense http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_800/oar_851/851_056.html

Rhode Island

- Prescriptive Authority: Rhode Island Dept of Health, [R5-34-NUR/ED] Rules And Regulations For The Licensing Of Nurses And Standards For The Approval Of Basic Nursing Education Programs, Section 10.6; for PMH/CNS <http://sos.ri.gov/documents/archives/regdocs/released/pdf/DOH/7873.pdf>

Vermont

- Practice Authority/Transition to Practice: Collaborative agreement for one year. Vermont Board of Nursing Administrative Rules, Section 15.14: Transition to Practice: Collaborative Agreement, <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/540194/Nursing-Rules-2011-0623.pdf>