**Key Findings from the 2018 Clinical Nurse Specialists Census**

(Based on responses from 3,057 CNSs)

**PRACTICE**

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**EMPLOYMENT**

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**EDUCATION**

- 4.02% PhD
- 5.54% DNP
- 10.57% MA
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**REIMBURSEMENT**

- 44.70% Medicare
- 29.17% Medicaid
- 26.43% Private insurance

**PREScriptive AUTHORITY**

- 84.39% CNSs who are authorized to prescribe live in a state that requires no additional certification to prescribe
- 10.22% CNSs who are authorized to prescribe live in a state that requires an additional certification to prescribe
- 5.52% CNSs who are authorized to prescribe live in a state that requires a federal prescription to prescribe
- 4.80% CNSs who are authorized to prescribe live in a state that requires a state prescription to prescribe

**REIMBURSEMENT**

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Most CNSs work in hospitals that are either accredited or are seeking accreditation.

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Do you bill for your CNS services?

More than 8 in 10 CNSs work full-time. What is your employment status?

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