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Dear Colleagues,

With the seating of the 111th US Congress and the inauguration of President Obama complete, it is appropriate that we focus on the legislative agenda and the work that needs to be done in the executive branch to make the sweeping changes that are needed in the US healthcare system. We believe that the input of nurse practitioners, as the cornerstone of primary care delivery, will be crucial to efforts by our legislators and by the incoming Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to bring needed care to all US residents.

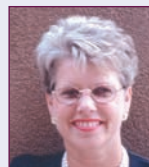
The February 2009 issue of **The American Journal for Nurse Practitioners** brings you the eagerly anticipated, updated version of *The Pearson Report*. As in years past, both a print version and an electronic version of *The Pearson Report* are or will be available. The print version appears in its entirety in this issue of **AJNP**; each state report in the journal contains some of the most important "cells" of the larger report for easy reference. The unabridged version of each state report will be available online for free download on the NP Communications website: www.webnp.net

Both the print and online versions of *The Pearson Report* include a handy Summary Table that facilitates state-by-state comparisons. And because a picture is worth a thousand words, the report also features US maps depicting how the states compare with respect to *Diagnosing and Treating Aspects of NP Practice* and *Prescribing Aspects of NP Practice* (this year, these maps are available online only at www.webnp.net). *The Pearson Report* also presents three new tables demonstrating important differences among MDs, DOs, and NPs with respect to NPDB (National Practitioner Data Bank) and HIPDB (Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank) occurrence rates. These data are particularly useful for NPs who will be meeting with their legislators and with DHHS staff members to promote the changes we need to improve the healthcare system. Tables 1 and 2 are available online at www.webnp.net and Table 3 appears in both the online and print versions of the report.

We hope that you will use these data to help government leaders understand the key role that NPs play as healthcare providers in this country. As President Obama said, "This is our time." NPs can make a difference. Please enjoy this issue of **AJNP** and share it with your representatives.



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The PEARSON REPORT

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A National Overview of Nurse Practitioner Legislation *and* Healthcare Issues[®]

For the past 21 years, I have summarized nurse practitioner (NP) legislation and related healthcare issues. Each year, I recap and update information regarding each state's and the District of Columbia's (DC's) nurse practice act and rules and regulations, as well as provide pertinent government, policy, and reimbursement information for each state and DC.

The Pearson Report is available in both print and electronic formats. A condensed version of each state/DC report appears in this issue of *The American Journal for Nurse Practitioners*. The complete version of each state/DC report is available on the NP Communications website (www.webnp.net); just click on the link to *The Pearson Report*. Boxes, Tables, and Maps—

all of which are available in the online version of *The Pearson Report* and some of which are available in the printed version—provide a useful visual summary of the data.

Free, easy access to *The Pearson Report* each year enables NPs, policymakers, and other healthcare professionals to understand and appreciate the major impact that NPs have had on health care in the United States, as well as to compare and contrast NP practice realities in all 50 states and DC. The large number of requests each year from NP activists and organizations to reprint portions of *The Pearson Report* to distribute to legislators indicates to me that the information contained in the state/DC reports is of great interest and vital importance to our NP community.

Boxes, Tables, Maps, and Abbreviations

This year, seven Boxes, Tables, and Maps summarize pertinent data. A list of abbreviations frequently used in these graphics and in the state/DC reports is available online at www.webnp.net.

■ **Box 1:** This box, which appears in the journal and online at www.webnp.net, lists all the information cells—those included in the print and online versions of *The Pearson Report* and those available only online.

■ **Box 2:** Each state report includes a section entitled Other Items Related to NP Practice. This box, available online only at www.webnp.net, provides clarification and useful information about the data cells in this section.

■ **Summary Table:** This chart, which appears in the journal on pages 22 and 23, as well as online, facilitates a convenient comparison of important data compiled this year from each state.

■ **Map 1:** This map, available online only at www.webnp.net, provides an overview of *diagnosing and treating* aspects of NP practice, including a list of states that have *no* requirement for physician involvement in NP diagnosing and treating.

■ **Map 2:** This map, also available online only at www.webnp.net, provides an overview of *prescribing* aspects of NP practice, including a list of states that have *no* requirement for physician involvement in NP prescribing.

■ **Tables 1 and 2:** These charts, available online, are compilations of the *numbers* of accumulated occurrences in the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) for nurse practitioners (NPs), doctors of osteopathy (DOs) and medical doctors (MDs) in each state relative to the total number of reported NPs, DOs, and MDs in each state. Of note, the total number of reported NPs is based on this year's findings from *The Pearson Report*, the total number of reported DOs is based on information "as of May 31, 2008," from the American Osteopathic Medical Profession Report (www.osteopathic.org), and the total number of reported nonfederal physicians is based on information through January 1, 2008, from the Kaiser Family Foundation (www.StateHealthFacts.org)

- Total number of NPs in the US: 147,295

- Total number of DOs in the US: 56,754

- Total number of MDs in the US: 961,473

■ **Table 3:** This chart, which appears in the journal on pages 34 and 35, as well as online at www.webnp.net, is a compilation of NPDB and HIPDB *occurrence ratios* within each state for NPs, DOs, and MDs.

Perspectives on 2008

This year, I performed a deeper analysis of information compiled in the aforementioned NPDB and HIPDB in terms of the *safety* of the care that NPs provided relative to that provided by other healthcare professionals. These two data banks compile the number of accumulated malpractice and adverse actions, licensure actions (and any other negative actions, findings, and/or adjudicated actions), civil judgments, and criminal conviction reports submitted against NPs, DOs, and MDs. In years past, I have reported on the absolute number of actions reported against each of these groups and let it go at that. But these numbers need to be placed in a context. So, for this year's report, I determined the absolute numbers of accumulated reported occurrences against NPs, DOs, and MDs over the past 18 years *as well as* the absolute numbers of NPs, DOs, and MDs in practice, and then computed the ratios (Table 3).

Overall national occurrence ratios, obtained by dividing the total number of each group of providers by the total number of accumulated malpractice and adverse actions in the NPDB against that group of providers, were 1 in 173 for NPs, 1 in 4 for DOs, and 1 in 4 for MDs. Overall national occurrence ratios, obtained by dividing the total number of each group of providers by the total number of accumulated adverse action reports, civil judg-

ments, and criminal conviction reports in the HIPDB against that group of providers, were 1 in 226 for NPs, 1 in 13 for DOs, and 1 in 23 for MDs.

States with the "worst ratios," meaning the highest rate of occurrences for each professional group, are listed here:

- Worst ratio for NPs in the NPDB reports: 1:32 (Oregon)

- Worst ratio for DOs in the NPDB reports: 1:2, (Louisiana, Michigan, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming)

- Worst ratio for MDs in the NPDB reports: 1:2 (West Virginia)

- Worst ratio for NPs in the HIPDB reports, 1:11 (Alabama)

- Worst ratio for DOs in the HIPDB reports: 1:4 (North Dakota and Oklahoma)

- Worst ratio for MDs in the HIPDB reports: 1:6 (Ohio)

A closer look at two states, Florida and Georgia—both of which have limited NPs' autonomy more than many other states—is elucidating. Florida's DOs and MDs, compared with NPs, are 25 times more likely to err professionally and 7-14 times more likely to commit an adverse action or receive a civil judgment or criminal conviction. Georgia physicians are 61 times more likely to commit a malpractice error than NPs. Comparing the number of adverse actions, civil judgments, or criminal convictions between physicians and NPs is mathematically impossible because 0 NPs have been reported over the past 18 years.

Recommended Actions for NPs

1. NPs must use these malpractice and malfeasance ratios and figures to show legislators that the rationale for physician supervision over NPs is unfounded.

2. NPs have been providing

Box 1. THE INFORMATION CELLS

Information cells printed in **red** are listed in both the print and online versions of *The Pearson Report*. Information cells printed in **blue** are listed in the online version only. For full and complete listings, log on to www.webnp.net and click on the link to *The Pearson Report*.

- NP title(s) used in this state: -----
- Number of NPs in state? -----
- NP specialties legislatively specified? -----
- How is NP specialty scope of practice (SOP) defined (eg, by national certification, R&R, state legislation, or other)? -----
- NP title protection? -----
- National certification required for recognition/practice? -----
- BON sole state authority over NPs? -----
- MSN required for practice? -----
- Requirement for APN member on BON? -----
- Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? -----
- Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? -----
- If so, which words are used to describe involvement (eg, collaboration, supervision, direction, authorization, delegation)?* -----
- Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? -----
- How is NP license issued (eg, separate license from RN, NP # listed on RN license)? -----
- Supervised practice hours required before full NP practice autonomy? -----
- Supervised practice hours required before full NP prescribing autonomy? -----
- Additional pharmacology hours required for prescribing? -----
- CE requirements for NP practice? -----
- If so, what are the specifics?* -----
- BON mechanism for others to verify NP license? -----
- Current listing of all active NP licenses maintained by BON? -----
- Current listing of authorized NP prescribers maintained by BON? -----
- If so, is this a separate list from all active NP licenses?* -----
- Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? -----
- Legislative/administrative plans for state? -----
- Internet address for NPA: -----
- NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING** -----
- BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? -----
- If so, which words are used to characterize involvement (eg, collaboration, supervision, direction, authorization, delegation)?* -----
- Required physician record/chart review? -----
- Required NP/physician practice agreement? -----
- If so, is agreement required to be filed with state (BON, BOM, both, or other)?* -----
- If so, is agreement required to be kept/stored/updated?* -----
- Required protocols (separate from any required practice and/or prescriptive agreement) for diagnosing or treating? -----
- If so, are protocols required to be filed with the state (eg, BON, BOM)?* -----
- If so, are protocols required to be kept/stored/updated?* -----

- Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? -----
- Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? -----
- NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING** -----
- NP Rx authority granted separate from practice authority? -----
- NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? -----
- NP Rx from state authorized formulary required? -----
- If so, explain specifics of formulary.* -----
- BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? -----
- If so, which words are used to characterize involvement?* -----
- NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? -----
- If so, which schedules?* -----
- NP issued Rx # by state? -----
- NP authorized to apply for DEA #? -----
- If so, what is the DEA area field office info?* -----
- DEA # required for non-scheduled as well as scheduled Rx? -----
- NP name required on Rx pad? -----
- Physician name required on Rx pad? -----
- NP name required on Rx bottle? -----
- Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? -----
- If so, where (eg, statute, rules, opinion)?* -----
- Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? -----
- Restrictions on out-of-state NP Rx being filled in this state? -----
- NP REIMBURSEMENT REALITIES/LIMITATIONS** -----
- Legislative language permits NP reimbursement by 3rd party or HMO? -----
- NPs have legal right to be listed on provider panels as primary care providers (PCPs)? -----
- OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE** -----
- Number and listing of NP schools in state: -----
- Statewide NP association(s): -----
- Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? -----
- Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08): -----
- Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) filings (1/99-9/08): -----
- 2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): -----
- Descriptive ranking: -----
- Relevant medical malpractice law applicable to NPs? -----
- Recent state malpractice liability tort reform? -----

safe, top-notch primary care for decades. As FactCheck.org has explained, humans tend to cling to previously held beliefs and reject or ignore new ideas offered by a new person. This propensity undoubtedly explains, at least in part, why healthcare policy analysts sometimes exclude NPs from serious discussions about healthcare reform and problems related to the lack of primary care providers. NPs must remind all policymakers of their value in helping solve the nation's healthcare crisis. As President Obama persuasively articulated, "Yes We Can!"

3. NPs must continue to strive to remove statutory restrictions that prohibit NPs with earned doctorates from being addressed as "doctor." Many states have *no* requirement that doctorally-prepared NPs declare or clarify that they are NPs, and I also commend those states that have legislatively allowed qualified NPs to be addressed as "doctor" in the clinical setting as long as these doctorally-prepared NPs clarify that they are NPs. My concern centers on the eight states—Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Oregon—that have statutory restrictions *against* doctorally-educated NPs being addressed appropriately as "Doctor NP." Kudos to Iowa's NPs and legislature, who removed this legislative restraint in 2008.

Conclusion

NPs, as members of the nursing profession, are among the most trusted healthcare practitioners because we have *earned* our patients' trust. To enhance our ability to care for our patients independently, NPs throughout the country must strive to increase our legislatively sanctioned autonomy. This year, 22 states reported an

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expanded legislative or regulatory NP scope of practice (see Summary Table 1 on pages 22-23), an increase of 3 states compared with last year.

NPs can help our nation improve its healthcare outcomes and lower its healthcare costs. We are almost 150,000 strong! My dream in preparing *The Pearson Report* each year is that people who care about both fairness and improving our nation's health status will use the information contained herein to remove the remaining barriers to NP practice and allow us to deliver necessary care to our patients in an unfettered way.

Information—accurate, up-to-date information—is the tool we use to increase our legislative influence. I encourage you to share these data with your state representatives and senators to help them understand the significance of how safe and competent NPs are when compared with other practitioners. I urge you to develop a personal relationship with your legislators and/or pay dues to your nursing and NP organi-

zations to represent you. By educating legislators about our value and our safety record, we will advance ourselves in terms of our quest toward obtaining full NP autonomy, enabling us to provide unhindered, safe, excellent care for our patients.

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STATE: ALABAMA

NP title(s) used in this state: CRNP (certified registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 1776

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BON sole state authority over NPs? BON is the sole authority to recognize CRNP qualifications.

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes, as per the written protocol. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? Yes

If so, explain specifics of formulary. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? No

If so, which schedules? NA

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (7) Samford University, Birmingham; University of Alabama, Huntsville; Troy University, Troy; Troy University, Montgomery; University of Alabama, Birmingham; University of South Alabama, Mobile; University of Mobile, Mobile

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 3 for NPs (3:1776 or 1:592 ratio)
- 39 for DOs/Interns/Residents (39:385 or 1:10 ratio)
- 1003 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1003:11,352 or 1:11 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 158 for NPs (158:1776 or 1:11 ratio)
- 34 for DOs/Interns/Residents (34:385 or 1:11 ratio)
- 558 for MDs/Interns/Residents (558:11,352 or 1:20 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 35

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

To obtain the full Pearson Report for any or all states/DC, log on to the NP Communications website at www.webnp.net in March.

STATE: ALASKA

NP title(s) used in this state: ANP (advanced nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 667 (includes CNMs)

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No



If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes. The BON may grant CS prescriptive and dispensing authority in addition to the authorization of legend drug prescribing. APNs must have experience prescribing for 1 year before being able to apply for CS prescribing authority.

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (1) University of Alaska, Anchorage

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? No

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 5 for NPs (5:667 or 1:133 ratio)
- 16 for DOs/Interns/Residents (16:147 or 1:9 ratio)
- 308 for MDs/Interns/Residents (308:1694 or 1:6 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 10 for NPs (10:667 or 1:67 ratio)
- 25 for DOs/Interns/Residents (25:147 or 1:6 ratio)
- 220 for MDs/Interns/Residents (220:1694 or 1:8 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 85

Descriptive ranking: Grade B – State partially supports patient choice

STATE: ARIZONA

NP title(s) used in this state: RNP (registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 3150

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No. Medical board statutes allow use of designation of "doctor" by other branches of healing arts as long as the other branch of the healing arts is also designated.

CE requirements for NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (6) Arizona State University, Phoenix; Grand Canyon University, Phoenix; Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff; University of Arizona, Tucson; University of Phoenix, Phoenix; University of Phoenix, Southern Arizona

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes, by the Arizona Medical Association and the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 42 for NPs (42:3150 or 1:75 ratio)
- 531 for DOs/Interns/Residents (531:1561 or 1:3 ratio)
- 3579 for MDs/Interns/Residents (3579:16,883 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 5 for NPs (5:3150 or 1:630 ratio)
- 233 for DOs/Interns/Residents (233:1561 or 1:7 ratio)
- 1405 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1405:16,883 or 1:12 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 100

Descriptive ranking: Grade A – State is exemplary for patient choice

STATE: ARKANSAS

NP title(s) used in this state: RNP (registered nurse practitioner), ANP (advanced nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 1657

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes, for practice as an ANP, but not required to practice as an RNP. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules III- V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (3) Arkansas State University, Jonesboro; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock; University of Central Arkansas, Conway

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 4 for NPs (4:1657 or 1:414 ratio)
- 39 for DOs/Interns/Residents (39:248 or 1:6 ratio)
- 1189 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1189:6597 or 1:6 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 11 for NPs (11:1657 or 1:151 ratio)
- 19 for DOs/Interns/Residents (19:248 or 1:13 ratio)
- 244 for MDs/Interns/Residents (244:6597 or 1:27 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 68

Descriptive ranking: Grade D – State restricts patient choice

STATE: CALIFORNIA

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 15,230

National certification required for recognition/practice? No, but for more details, log on to www.webnp.net

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. Drugs or devices furnished or ordered by NPs are limited to those agreed on by the NP and physician and specified in the SP. Only NPs and CNMs can use the SP for furnishing and dispensing medications.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled

out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number of NP schools in state: (23) Azusa Pacific University, Azusa; Loma Linda University, Loma Linda; University of California, San Francisco; University of Phoenix, California; University of San Diego, San Diego; University of San Francisco, San Francisco; California State University, Bakersfield; California State University, Carson; California State University, Fresno; California State University, Long Beach; California State University, Los Angeles; California State University, Sacramento; California State University, Turlock; Harbor-UCLA Research & Education, Torrance; Holy Names College, Oakland; Samuel Merritt College, Oakland; San Diego State University, San Diego; San Francisco State University, San Francisco; San Jose State University, San Jose; Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Davis, Sacramento; University of California, Irvine

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 56 for NPs (56:15,230 or 1:272 ratio)
- 485 for DOs/Interns/Residents (485:3981 or 1:8 ratio)
- 25,081 for MDs/Interns/Residents (25,081:113,624 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 6 for NPs (6:15,230 or 1:2538 ratio)
- 147 for DOs/Interns/Residents (147:3981 or 1:27 ratio)
- 5348 for MDs/Interns/Residents (5348:113,624 or 1:21 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 75

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

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State	Doctorate NP legally addressed as "Dr"?	NP title(s) used:	Physician involvement in NP diagnosing & treating?	Physician involvement in NP prescribing?	2008 NP SOP expansion?	# of NPs	# of NP Schools
ALABAMA	No restrictions	CRNP	Written protocol - oversight & direction	Written protocol - drugs in formulary	Expanded NP 'in-patient' orders SOP	1776	7
ALASKA	No restrictions	ANP	NONE	NONE	No	667	1
ARIZONA	No restrictions if clarify NP	RNP	NONE	NONE	Defeated Senate Bill attempt to restrict NP 'skills & procedures' SOP	3150	6
ARKANSAS	MPA restrictions	ANP, RNP	ANP-none; RNP- protocols, supervision	ANP & RNP: CPA	No	1657	3
CALIFORNIA	No restrictions	APRN, NP	SP developed collaboratively & signed	SP + protocol for CS II-III	NPs may provide disability sticker & DMV tests; expanded categories of primary care provider NPs	15,230	23
COLORADO	No restrictions	APN, NP	NONE	Written CA	More APNs eligible to enroll in Medicaid; form signing expanded; expanded insurance panel rights	1964	6
CONNECTICUT	State statute restriction	APRN, NP	Required collaboration	Required written collaboration	No	2900	8
DELAWARE	No restrictions	APN, NP	Written CA	Approval by BOM	No	578	2
DC	No restrictions	APRN, CNP, CRNP, NP	NONE	NONE	No	965	4
FLORIDA	No restrictions	ARNP, NP	Written protocol - supervision	Written protocol - supervision	Possible pending: Senate Committee staff report recommends ARNPs Rx CS under protocol	10,227	15
GEORGIA	State statute restrictions	APRN, NP	Delegation via protocol	Under delegated medical authority	BOM loosened restrictions on required chart review & no annual update required sent to BOM	3977	13
HAWAII	No restrictions	APRN, NP	NONE	Approved supervisory WRA	No	601	3
IDAHO	No restrictions	APPN, NP	NONE	NONE	No	540	1
ILLINOIS	No restrictions if clarify NP	APN, CNP	Written CA	Delegation - CA	New NPA but new R&R are yet to be written	3383	10
INDIANA	No restrictions	APN, NP	Required collaboration in WPA	Required collaboration in WPA	SB302 prohibits: APNs in collaborative agreement with PAs & repackaging free drug samples	2218	12
IOWA	No restrictions if clarify NP	ARNP, CNP, NP	ARNP: NONE required	ARNP: NONE required	Allows health professionals with a doctorate to be addressed as "Dr"; expanded SOP for ARNPs	1188	5
KANSAS	No restrictions	ARNP	Required protocols or guidelines	Written protocol	No - Bill defined process to develop standards to create "physician" language for 'medical home'	1670	5
KENTUCKY	No restrictions	ARNP, NP	NONE	Written CPA	May now authorize disability license plates; added ARNPs to insurance credentialing requirements	2093	10
LOUISIANA	No restrictions	APRN, NP	Written CPG within CPA	CPA: "direction" in CPG	Senate bill amended to include mental health NPs; increased state PPO reimbursement rates	1557	8
MAINE	State statute restrictions	APRN, CNP	NONE - after initial 2 years	NONE - after initial 2 years	Expanded mental health SOP	913	3
MARYLAND	No restrictions	CRNP, NP	Written agreement	Written agreement	NPs permitted to sign death & birth certificates, handicap parking regs, DNR orders, marriage rules	2845	6
MASSACHUSETTS	No restrictions	NP	Direction within written guidelines	Direction & supervision within WG	Senate bill grants NPs PCP status, prohibits third party payer discrimination, listing in PCP directory	5600	10
MICHIGAN	No restrictions	NP	NONE	Delegation & supervision; CS - PAG	No	3280	10
MINNESOTA	No restrictions	APRN, CNP	"Collaborative Management"	Delegated via written agreement	APRNs can Dx ADHD, eligible healthcare home providers; health workforce to seek full utilization	2371	6

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MISSISSIPPI	State statute restrictions	APRN, NP-BC	Required collaboration: protocol	Required collaboration: protocols	No	2167	4
MISSOURI	No restrictions	APRN, NP	Delegation or WCPA	Delegation through WCPA	Rules are being promulgated, but NPs now have prescriptive authority for Schedules III-V	3304	13
MONTANA	No restrictions	APRN, NP	NONE	NONE	No	468	1
NEBRASKA	No restrictions	APRN-NP	Collaboration, supervision per IPA	Collaboration, supervision per IPA	No	802	3
NEVADA	No restrictions	APN	Collaboration with protocols	Collaboration with protocols	No	571	2
NEW HAMPSHIRE	No restrictions	ARNP	NONE	NONE	Mental health role expansion	1368	2
NEW JERSEY	No restrictions	APN	NONE	Collaboration via joint protocol	New BON regs grant APNs: unrestricted CS prescribing; may order lab & diagnostic testing	3790	10
NEW MEXICO	No restrictions	CNP, NP	NONE	NONE	No	753	3
NEW YORK	No restrictions if clarify NP	NP	Collaboration with WPA & WPP	Collaboration with WPA & WPP	No	14,272	27
NORTH CAROLINA	No restrictions	NP	Supervision & collaboration within CPA	Supervision & collaboration: CPA	No	3134	8
NORTH DAKOTA	No restrictions	APRN, NP	NONE	Collaboration via CPAPA-PA	No	343	3
OHIO	No restrictions if clarify NP	CNP, CRNP	Collaboration via SCA	Collaboration via SCA	Medicaid rule change: PCP means primary care provider; expanded SOP for initial prescriptions	3901	11
OKLAHOMA	MPA Restrictions	ARNP, APN	NONE	Supervision via EF	BON added national accrediting agencies, revised CE categories, changed CS III-IV to 30-day supply	731	3
OREGON	MPA Restrictions	NP	NONE	NONE	Requirement for a formulary removed from the Rx authority statute; affects all NPs with Rx authority	2271	2
PENNSYLVANIA	No restrictions if clarify NP	CRNP	Collaboration	Collaboration via written CA	No	6393	23
RHODE ISLAND	No restrictions	RNP	NONE	NONE	Bill deleted physician signed prescribing guideline requirements – NPs have global signature authority	700	1
SOUTH CAROLINA	No restrictions	APRN, NP	Supervision via AWP	Supervision & delegation via AWP	No	3798	3
SOUTH DAKOTA	May be MPA restrictions	CNP	Collaboration via approved CA	Collaboration via approved CA	No	372	1
TENNESSEE	No restrictions	APN, NP	NONE	Supervision via protocol, formulary	No	4033	11
TEXAS	No restrictions if clarify NP	NP (+ specialty)	Delegation & written authorization	Delegation & written authorization	No	7495	21
UTAH	No restrictions	APRN, RNP, NP	NONE	Consultation for CS II-III	No	1665	4
VERMONT	No restrictions	APRN	Collaboration via WPG	Collaboration via WPG	No	539	1
VIRGINIA	No restrictions if clarify NP	LNP, APN, NP	Collaboration & direction via WP	Supervision via WPA	No, but changes are pending	5507	9
WASHINGTON	No restrictions	ARNP	NONE	NONE	Eliminated dispensing restriction; expanded mental health SOP; chronic care medical home pilot project	3561	6
WEST VIRGINIA	No restrictions	ANP	NONE	Collaboration: CA with WP or WG	No	694	5
WISCONSIN	No restrictions	APNP	Supervision & delegation	Collaboration & delegation	No	2878	7
WYOMING	No restrictions	APRN	NONE	NONE	No	435	1
TOTAL # NP SCHOOLS						362	
TOTAL # NPs						147,295	

STATE: COLORADO

NP title(s) used in this state: APN (advanced practice nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 1964 NPs (APN total is 3236)

National certification required for recognition/practice? No

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? No

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. Prescribing NPs must have a WCA inclusive of the duties and responsibilities of each party, provisions regarding consultation and referral, and a mechanism designed by the APN to ensure appropriate Rx practice.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (6) Colorado State University, Pueblo; Regis University, Denver; University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver; University of Northern Colorado, Greeley; University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs; University of Phoenix, Colorado

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 23 for NPs (23:1964 or 1:85 ratio)
- 173 for DOs/Interns/Residents (173:935 or 1:5 ratio)
- 2555 for MDs/Interns/Residents (2555:15,080 or 1:6 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 1 for NPs (1:1964 or 1:1964 ratio)
- 162 for DOs/Interns/Residents (162:935 or 1:6 ratio)
- 1084 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1084:15,080 or 1:14 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 68

Descriptive ranking: Grade D – State restricts patient choice

STATE:

CONNECTICUT

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 2900 APRNs (this number includes CRNAs and CNSs)

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? No

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. Relative to Rx authority, the collaboration shall be in writing and shall address the level of Schedules II and III CS that APRNs may prescribe and provide a method to review patient outcomes, including, but not limited to, the review of medical therapeutics, corrective measures, and laboratory tests and other diagnostic procedures that APRNs may prescribe, dispense, and administer.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (8) Fairfield University, Fairfield; Quinnipiac University, Hamden; Sacred Heart University, Fairfield; Yale University, New Haven; Saint Joseph College, West Hartford; Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven; University of Connecticut, Storrs; Western Connecticut State University, Danbury

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes, by the state medical society

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 4 for NPs (4:2900 or 1:725 ratio)
- 17 for DOs/Interns/Residents (17:430 or 1:25 ratio)
- 2731 for MDs/Interns/Residents (2731:14,930 or 1:6 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 23 for NPs (23:2900 or 1:126 ratio)
- 14 for DOs/Interns/Residents (14:430 or 1:31 ratio)
- 450 for MDs/Interns/Residents (450:14,930 or 1:33 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 88

Descriptive ranking: Grade B – State partially supports patient choice

STATE: DELAWARE

NP title(s) used in this state: APN (advanced practice nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 578

National certification required for recognition/practice? Generally yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes, for APNs who do not perform independent acts of diagnosis or prescription, and no for NPs who perform independently without guidelines and protocols, because they are regulated by a JPC. The JPC consists of 9 members: 1 public member and 5 APNs appointed by the BON, 1 pharmacist appointed by the BOP, and 2 physicians appointed by the Board of Medical Practice (BOM)

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes if the APN has prescriptive authority or is practicing "independently" without guidelines/protocols

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes (those with Rx authority)

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes (those with Rx authority)

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No. See above.

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (2) University of Delaware, Newark; Wilmington College, New Castle

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? No

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 1 for NPs (1:578 or 1:578 ratio)
- 58 for DOs/Interns/Residents (58:245 or 1:4 ratio)
- 586 for MDs/Interns/Residents (586:2671 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:578 or 0:578 ratio)
- 12 for DOs/Interns/Residents (12:245 or 1:20 ratio)
- 73 for MDs/Interns/Residents (73:2671 or 1:37 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 77

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

STATE:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NP title(s) used in this district: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse), NP (nurse practitioner), CNP (certified nurse practitioner), and CRNP (certified registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in district? 965

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole district authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for district? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from district-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in district: (4) Georgetown University, Washington; The Catholic University of America, Washington; Howard University, Washington; George Washington University/George Mason University, Washington

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Remains to be seen

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 2 for NPs (2:965 or 1:483 ratio)
- 18 for DOs/Interns/Residents (18:70 or 1:4 ratio)
- 964 for MDs/Interns/Residents (964:4854 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:965 or 0:965 ratio)
- 0 for DOs/Interns/Residents (0:70 or 0:70 ratio)
- 213 for MDs/Interns/Residents (213:4854 or 1:23 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of district's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 95

Descriptive ranking: Grade A – District is exemplary for patient choice

To obtain the full Pearson Report for any or all states/DC, log on to the NP Communications website at www.webnp.net in March.

STATE: FLORIDA

NP title(s) used in this state: ARNP (advanced registered nurse practitioner) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 10,227

National certification required for recognition/practice? All new applicants for ARNP need national certification.

BON sole state authority over NPs? No. The Florida Department of Health requires that all practitioners, including ARNPs, file information in a Mandatory Practitioner Profile Questionnaire for both initial certification and renewal. Each practitioner has the responsibility to keep the profile (made public after practitioner verification) current. There is joint BON-BOM control over advance practice protocols (available on the Internet as of 7/06).

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No, but this issue is being hotly debated and contested.

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes, a prescriptive categories/list that is mutually approved (per protocols)

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? No

If so, which schedules? NA

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (15)
Barry University, Miami Shores; University of Miami, Coral Gables; University of Phoenix, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa; Florida A&M University, Tallahassee; Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton; Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers; Florida International University, North Miami; Florida State University, Tallahassee; University of Central Florida, Orlando; University of Florida, Gainesville; University of Florida, Jacksonville; University of North Florida, Jacksonville; University of South Florida, Tampa; University of Tampa, Tampa; Jacksonville University, Jacksonville

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 137 for NPs (137:10,227 or 1:75 ratio)
- 1147 for DOs/Interns/Residents (1147:3760 or 1:3 ratio)
- 17,100 for MDs/Interns/Residents (17,100:57,400 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 44 for NPs (44:10,227 or 1:232 ratio)
- 228 for DOs/Interns/Residents (228:3760 or 1:17 ratio)
- 1762 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1762:57,400 or 1:33 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 49

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

STATE: GEORGIA

NP title(s) used in this state: NP (nurse practitioner) and APRN (advanced practice registered nurse)

Number of NPs in state? 3977

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes. Certification is required initially, as well as for continued practice.

BON sole state authority over NPs? Authority to practice is granted by the BON. The BOM regulates physicians' use of protocols, thereby affecting APRN practice.

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? Test ordering is considered limited by the same restrictions as ordering medications, and depends on physician delegation and what is stated in the NPA.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes
NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No, but drugs must be listed in the NPA.

If so, explain specifics of formulary. A physician may delegate to a nurse recognized as an APRN in accordance with an NPA the authority to order legend drugs and CS (except CS I-II).

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes (see above). For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules III-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (13) Emory University, Atlanta; Georgia State University, Atlanta; University of Phoenix, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus; Albany State University, Albany; Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah; Brenau University, Gainesville; Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville; Georgia Southern University, Statesboro; Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw; Medical College of Georgia, Augusta; Medical College of Georgia at Columbus State University, Columbus; Mercer University, Atlanta; North Georgia College & State University, Dahlonega

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 13 for NPs (13:3977 or 1:306 ratio)
- 154 for DOs/Interns/Residents (154:765 or 1:5 ratio)
- 4509 for MDs/Interns/Residents (4509:23,037 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (Period 1/99- 9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:3977 or 0:3977 ratio)
- 71 for DOs/Interns/Residents (71:765 or 1:11 ratio)
- 1121 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1121:23,037 or 1:21 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 53

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

STATE: HAWAII

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse), NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 601

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes for practice; no for prescribing

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. A collegial working relationship agreement between recognized APRNs and a currently licensed physician must attest that: (1) the physician is in the same or related specialty practice; (2) the collegial working relationship is based on written policies for the delivery of healthcare services that will have the interest and welfare of patients foremost in mind; (3) recognized APRNs' prescriptive authority is strictly governed by the exclusionary formulary; and (4) there will be clarification of any limitation on drugs that are not to be prescribed (even though permitted by the exclusionary formulary). The collegial working relationship agreement must be submitted for approval by the DCCA.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? Yes

If so, explain specifics of formulary. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes. A 2005 statute deletes the term "collegial agreement" as it relates to APRN prescriptive authority and changes the wording to "appropriate agreement." This change is due to BOM agreement to allow APRNs with Rx authority to Rx CS provided that a supervisory work relationship agreement exists. Rules to implement are being drafted. The collegial (non-supervisory) working relationship agreement to prescribe non-controlled substances remains intact.

If so, which schedules? Rules not yet drafted (Schedules II-V when rules are adopted)

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (3) Hawaii Pacific University, Kaneohe; University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu; University of Phoenix, throughout state

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:601 or 0:601 ratio)
- 18 for DOs/Interns/Residents (18:199 or 1:11 ratio)



- 558 for MDs/Interns/Residents (558:4586 or 1:8 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:601 or 0:601 ratio)
- 10 for DOs/Interns/Residents (10:199 or 1:20 ratio)
- 130 for MDs/Interns/Residents (130:4586 or 1:35 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 55

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

STATE: IDAHO

NP title(s) used in this state: NP (nurse practitioner) and APPN (advanced practice professional nurse)

Number of NPs in state? 540

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V if appropriate to APPNs' defined SOP

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (1) Idaho State University, Pocatello

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes, traditionally from the state's medical association

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 6 for NPs (6:540 or 1:90 ratio)
- 32 for DOs/Interns/Residents (32:235 or 1:7 ratio)
- 521 for MDs/Interns/Residents (521:3106 or 1:6 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (Period 1/99- 9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:540 or 0:540 ratio)
- 14 for DOs/Interns/Residents (14:235 or 1:17 ratio)
- 139 for MDs/Interns/Residents (139:3106 or 1:22 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 82

Descriptive ranking: Grade B – State partially supports patient choice

TABLE 3 STATE LISTINGS OF NPDB & HIPDB RATIOS FOR NPs, DOs, AND MDs

State	NPDB Ratio for NPs	NPDB Ratio for DOs	NPDB Ratio for MDs	HIPDB Ratio for NPs	HIPDB Ratio for DOs	HIPDB Ratio for MDs
ALABAMA	1:592	1:10	1:11	1:11	1:11	1:20
ALASKA	1:133	1:9	1:6	1:67	1:6	1:8
ARIZONA	1:75	1:3	1:5	1:630	1:7	1:12
ARKANSAS	1:414	1:6	1:6	1:151	1:13	1:27
CALIFORNIA	1:272	1:8	1:5	1:2538	1:27	1:21
COLORADO	1:85	1:5	1:6	1:1964	1:6	1:14
CONNECTICUT	1:725	1:25	1:6	1:126	1:31	1:33
DELAWARE	1:578	1:4	1:5	0 in 578	1:20	1:37
DC	1:483	1:4	1:5	0 in 965	0 in 70	1:23
FLORIDA	1:75	1:3	1:3	1:232	1:17	1:33
GEORGIA	1:306	1:5	1:5	0 in 3977	1:11	1:21
HAWAII	0 in 601	1:11	1:8	0 in 601	1:20	1:35
IDAHO	1:90	1:7	1:6	0 in 540	1:17	1:22
ILLINOIS	1:242	1:7	1:4	0 in 3383	1:1203	1:22
INDIANA	1:317	1:3	1:3	1:2218	1:31	1:62
IOWA	1:238	1:4	1:5	0 in 1188	1:7	1:16
KANSAS	1:418	1:3	1:3	1:334	1:15	1:25
KENTUCKY	1:209	1:7	1:4	1:209	1:9	1:12
LOUISIANA	1:195	1:2	1:3	1:222	1:125	1:22
MAINE	1:152	1:7	1:8	0 in 913	1:10	1:22
MARYLAND	1:158	1:16	1:6	0 in 2845	1:44	1:28
MASSACHUSETTS	1:130	1:13	1:7	1:295	1:12	1:28
MICHIGAN	1:328	1:2	1:3	1:193	1:12	1:27
MINNESOTA	1:296	1:12	1:9	1:2371	1:18	1:38
MISSISSIPPI	1:167	1:5	1:3	1:94	1:7	1:17
MISSOURI	1:207	1:5	1:5	0 in 3304	1:6	1:24
MONTANA	1:117	1:3	1:3	0 in 468	1:11	1:21

TABLE 3 STATE LISTINGS OF NPDB & HIPDB RATIOS FOR NPs, DOs, AND MDs

State	NPDB Ratio for NPs	NPDB Ratio for DOs	NPDB Ratio for MDs	HIPDB Ratio for NPs	HIPDB Ratio for DOs	HIPDB Ratio for MDs
NEBRASKA	1:267	1:10	1:4	0 in 802	1:45	1:40
NEVADA	1:190	1:6	1:4	1:57	1:67	1:32
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1:137	1:16	1:5	1:456	1:22	1:22
NEW JERSEY	1:316	1:4	1:3	1:3790	1:13	1:24
NEW MEXICO	1:47	1:2	1:3	0 in 753	0 in 215	1:22
NEW YORK	1:213	1:7	1:3	1:793	1:21	1:23
NORTH CAROLINA	1:241	1:11	1:7	1:136	1:24	1:24
NORTH DAKOTA	1:172	1:6	1:4	1:172	1:4	1:9
OHIO	1:975	1:3	1:4	0 in 3901	1:7	1:6
OKLAHOMA	1:122	1:4	1:4	1:27	1:4	1:21
OREGON	1:32	1:7	1:7	1:284	1:8	1:20
PENNSYLVANIA	1:376	1:2	1:3	1:246	1:16	1:26
RHODE ISLAND	1:140	1:3	1:5	1:140	1:18	1:29
SOUTH CAROLINA	1:380	1:8	1:5	1:3798	1:20	1:25
SOUTH DAKOTA	1:186	1:7	1:5	1:372	1:15	1:33
TENNESSEE	1:155	1:5	1:6	1:310	1:21	1:27
TEXAS	1:121	1:3	1:4	1:147	1:13	1:27
UTAH	1:333	1:11	1:4	1:88	1:11	1:20
VERMONT	0 in 539	1:12	1:13	1:270	1:6	1:19
VIRGINIA	1:306	1:14	1:7	1:167	1:16	1:16
WASHINGTON	1:115	1:5	1:5	1:52	1:8	1:23
WEST VIRGINIA	1:347	1:4	1:2	0 in 694	1:12	1:11
WISCONSIN	1:2878	1:9	1:9	1:2878	1:31	1:46
WYOMING	1:218	1:2	1:3	0 in 435	1:5	1:13

STATE: ILLINOIS

NP title(s) used in this state: APN (advanced practice nurse) and CNP (certified nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 3383

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? No. The boards for all the health professions are advisory in nature. Final authority rests with the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? In addition to Schedules III, IV, and V medications, the new practice act allows Schedule II and Schedule II-N medications to be delegated to APNs, and clarifies that Schedule III-N medications may also be delegated. Some limitations on prescribing Schedule II and II-N medications exist, and the rules for those limitations have yet to be written. Only five Schedule II or II-N medications by oral dosage may be

delegated, and these medications must be those that the collaborating physician prescribes. Selection of these medications must be noted in the WCA, but the WCA can be changed at any time if there is a change in the chosen medications. The prescription must be limited to no more than a 30-day oral dosage, with any continuation authorized only after prior approval of the collaborating physician. APNs must discuss the condition of any patients for whom a Schedule II or II-N CS is prescribed monthly with the collaborating physician.

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (10) DePaul University, Chicago; Loyola University Chicago, Chicago; North Park University, Chicago; Rush University, Chicago; University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago; Saint Xavier University, Chicago; Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville; University of St. Francis, Joliet; Illinois State University, Normal; Northern Illinois University, DeKalb

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 14 for NPs (14:3383 or 1:242 ratio)
- 373 for DOs/Interns/Residents (373:2406 or 1:7 ratio)
- 9716 for MDs/Interns/Residents (9716:41,826 or 1:4 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:3383 or 0:3383 ratio)
- 2 for DOs/Interns/Residents (2:2406 or 1:1203 ratio)
- 1910 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1910:41,826 or 1:22 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 55

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

STATE: INDIANA

NP title(s) used in this state: APN (advanced practice nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 2218 (number with prescriptive authority)

National certification required for recognition/practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes. The BOM approves rules for prescribing but has no further involvement.

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. The CPA with a licensed practitioner must be reduced to writing if prescriptive authority is sought. The WPA must describe any limitations that the licensed practitioner has placed on the APN's Rx authority. Documentation of Rx practices must include at least a 5% random sampling of the charts and medications prescribed for patients. The BON is charged with conducting an audit of a random sampling of not less than 1% of all APN CPAs every 2 years to ensure that they are in congruency with the law.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing?

Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V if permitted on the WPA; only a physician can treat a patient with a schedule III-IV drug for the purpose of weight reduction or obesity.

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? No

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (12) University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne; University of Phoenix, Indianapolis; Ball State University, Muncie; Indiana State University, Terre Haute; Indiana University, Indianapolis; Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne; Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion; Purdue University, West Lafayette; Purdue University, Hammond; University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis; University of Southern Indiana, Evansville; Valparaiso University, Valparaiso

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? No

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 7 for NPs (7:2218 or 1:317 ratio)
- 243 for DOs/Interns/Residents (243:814 or 1:3 ratio)
- 4680 for MDs/Interns/Residents (4680:16,122 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 1 for NPs (1:2218 or 1:2218 ratio)
- 26 for DOs/Interns/Residents (26:814 or 1:31 ratio)
- 260 for MDs/Interns/Residents (260:16,122 or 1:62 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 65

Descriptive ranking: Grade D – State restricts patient choice

STATE: IOWA

NP title(s) used in this state: ARNP (advanced registered nurse practitioner), CNP (certified nurse practitioner), and NP (nurse practitioner). The term ARNP also refers to certified clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, and certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Number of NPs in state? 1188 (1830 all ARNPs)

National certification required for recognition/practice? ARNPs must be board-certified in their specialty. National certification is not required for practice under the NP title.

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes, for ARNPs

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No. Rx authority granted by the BON allows prescribing of substances or devices, including controlled substances or devices if a nurse is following BON rules in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy Examiners (BOP).

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Registration with the US DEA and the Iowa BOP extends ARNPs' authority to prescribe CS.

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (5) University of Iowa, Iowa City; Allen College, Waterloo; Clarke College, Dubuque; Graceland University, Lamoni; Briar Cliff University, Sioux City

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 5 for NPs (5:1188 or 1:238 ratio)
- 307 for DOs/Interns/Residents (307:1105 or 1:4 ratio)
- 1673 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1673:7641 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:1188 or 0:1188 ratio)
- 167 for DO/Interns/Residents (167:1105 or 1:7 ratio)
- 487 for MDs/Interns/Residents (487:7641 or 1:16 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 86

Descriptive ranking: Grade B – State partially supports patient choice

STATE: KANSAS

NP title(s) used in this state: ARNP (advanced registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 1670

National certification required for recognition/practice? No, but ARNPs must have graduated from a BON-approved educational and training program.

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. NPs may manage a medical plan of care pursuant to WPs or written guidelines with a responsible physician.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes. In prescribing CS, the ARNP must have a scope of authority that does not exceed the normal and customary practice of the responsible physician.

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V, as long as the Rx is from a class of drugs prescribed pursuant to protocol

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net.

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (5) University of Kansas, Kansas City; Fort Hays State University, Hays; Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg; Washburn University, Topeka; Wichita State University (offers DNP), Wichita

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? No

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 4 for NPs (4:1670 or 1:418 ratio)
- 236 for DOs/Interns/Residents (236:643 or 1:3 ratio)
- 2665 for MDs/Interns/Residents (2665:7665 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 5 for NPs (5:1670 or 1:334 ratio)
- 44 for DOs/Interns/Residents (44:643 or 1:15 ratio)
- 307 for MDs/Interns/Residents (307:7665 or 1:25 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 73

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

To obtain the full Pearson Report for any or all states/DC, log on to the NP Communications website at www.webnp.net in March.

STATE: KENTUCKY

NP title(s) used in this state: ARNP (advanced registered nurse practitioner) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 2093

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Physician, yes; BOM, no. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes, if ARNPs have a CAPA-CS and DEA #

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V may be defined within ARNPs' CAPA-CS, with these limitations: Schedule II CS to a 7-hour supply (except for ARNPs certified in psychiatry/mental health, who may prescribe a 30-day supply of psychostimulants if services are provided in a licensed facility); Schedule III CS to a 30-day supply with no refills; and Schedules IV and V

CS to a 6-month supply of medication. Ativan, Klonopin, Valium, Xanax, and hydrocodone combination products (both liquid and solid formulations) are limited to a 2-week supply with no refills, and Soma is limited to a 30-day supply with no refills.

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes, allowed

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (10) Indiana Wesleyan University, Louisville; University of Kentucky, Lexington; Bellarmine University, Louisville; Murray State University, Murray; Spalding University, Louisville; University of Louisville, Louisville; Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green; Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, Hyden; Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond; Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes, from the Kentucky Medical Association

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 10 for NPs (10:2093 or 1:209 ratio)
- 63 for DOs/Interns/Residents (63:457 or 1:7 ratio)
- 2774 for MDs/Interns/Residents (2774:11,225 or 1:4 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 10 for NPs (10:2093 or 1:209 ratio)
- 51 for DOs/Interns/Residents (51:457 or 1:9 ratio)
- 903 for MDs/Interns/Residents (903:11,225 or 1:12 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 80

Descriptive ranking: Grade B – State partially supports patient choice

STATE: LOUISIANA

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 1557 (1219 with prescriptive authority)

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes. APRNs granted Rx authority by the BON are allowed to Rx CS. The BON may authorize APRNs with limited Rx authority to Rx CS on an individual practice basis. Such an applicant must have practiced with limited Rx and distributing authority with the same collaborative physician for 500 hours immediately preceding the request.

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-IV (Schedule II under certain circumstances; no CS for treating chronic

and intractable pain and/or obesity)

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (8) Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans; Loyola University, New Orleans; McNeese State University, Lake Charles; Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Shreveport; Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge; University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette; Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond; Grambling University, Grambling

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 8 for NPs (8:1557 or 1:195 ratio)
- 52 for DOs/Interns/Residents (52:125 or 1:2 ratio)
- 4925 for MDs/Interns/Residents (4925:12,660 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 7 for NPs (7:1557 or 1:222 ratio)
- 1 for DOs/Interns/Residents (1:125 or 1:125 ratio)
- 566 for MDs/Interns/Residents (566:12,660 or 1:22 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 62

Descriptive ranking: Grade D – State restricts patient choice

STATE: MAINE

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) and CNP (certified nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 913

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. But for more details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? Yes

If so, explain specifics of formulary. Defined in the R&R as nonscheduled drugs that are FDA approved and those listed on Schedules II, III, IIIN, IV, and V

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples



Spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (3) Husson College, Bangor; University of Maine, Orono; University of Southern Maine, Portland

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 6 for NPs (6:913 or 1:152 ratio)
- 87 for DOs/Interns/Residents (87:630 or 1:7 ratio)
- 636 for MDs/Interns/Residents (636:4858 or 1:8 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:913 or 0:913 ratio)
- 62 for DOs/Interns/Residents (62:630 or 1:10 ratio)
- 226 for MDs/Interns/Residents (226:4858 or 1:22 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice Ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 72

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

NP title(s) used in this state: NP (nurse practitioner) and CRNP (certified registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 2845 (Total # of certifications – some have dual certifications)

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? No, joint with the BOM

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net.

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as “Dr”? No

CE requirements for NP practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. For more details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes, as delineated in the WA, which must specify the categories of drugs, including one or two examples of drugs expected to be used frequently in the NP’s practice within each drug category, and a list of CS that will be prescribed in the practice.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No, except for Medicaid patients

If so, explain specifics of formulary. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (6) Coppin State University, Baltimore; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; University of Maryland, Baltimore; Bowie State University, Bowie; Salisbury University, Salisbury; Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Not now, but in the past, organized medical groups have posed substantial opposition.

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 18 for NPs (18:2845 or 1:158 ratio)
- 44 for DOs/Interns/Residents (44:700 or 1:16 ratio)
- 4163 for MDs/Interns/Residents (4163:25,037 or 1:6 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:2845 or 0:2845 ratio)
- 16 for DOs/Interns/Residents (16:700 or 1:44 ratio)
- 888 for MDs/Interns/Residents (888:25,037 or 1:28 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state’s NP regulation (100 is ideal): 57

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

STATE: MASSACHUSETTS**NP title(s) used in this state:** NP (nurse practitioner)**Number of NPs in state?** 5600**National certification required for recognition/practice?** Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? No. An advisory committee composed of five practicing nurses in the expanded role shall be appointed by the Board of Registration in Nursing (BON) for each category of nurses practicing in the expanded role. The BON must consult with the appropriate advisory committee on matters relating to the practice of the nurse in the expanded role and on matters relating to practice guidelines of the nurse in that specific expanded role. Nurses practicing in an institution may not practice in an expanded role until they are credentialed using guidelines that are formally reviewed and approved by the professional medical and nursing staff. In the absence of a professional staff of nurses and physicians, the guidelines are reviewed by the BON.

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net**Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice?** Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net**Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"?** No**CE requirements for NP practice?** Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net**Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice?** For details, log on to www.webnp.net**Legislative/administrative plans for state?** For details, log on to www.webnp.net**NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING****BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating?** Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net**Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges?** No**Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice?** No, but must fall within NPs' SOP**NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING****NP/physician prescriptive agreement required?** Yes**NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required?** No*If so, explain specifics of formulary.* NA**BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing?**Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net**NP authorized to Rx controlled substances?** Yes*If so, which schedules?* Schedules II-V**NP name required on Rx pad?** Yes**Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out?** Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net**Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling?** Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net**OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE**

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (10) Boston College, Chestnut Hill; Northeastern University, Boston; University of Massachusetts, Worcester; University of Massachusetts, Worcester; Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston; MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston; Regis College, Weston; Simmons College, Boston; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; University of Massachusetts, Boston; University of Massachusetts, North Dartmouth; University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes, intense and severe opposition from state medical society**Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):**

- 43 for NPs (43:5600 or 1:130 ratio)
- 49 for DOs/Interns/Residents (49:643 or 1:13 ratio)
- 4718 for MDs/Interns/Residents (4718:33,409 or 1:7 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 19 for NPs (19:5600 or 1:295 ratio)
- 55 for DOs/Interns/Residents (55:643 or 1:12 ratio)
- 1209 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1209:33,409 or 1:28 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 56**Descriptive ranking:** Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

STATE: MICHIGAN

NP title(s) used in this state: NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 3280

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No, but for more details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No, except referral to PT is limited to physicians; a 2004 bill allows NPs to perform state-mandated physical examinations.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes, for CS prescribing only

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? NPs who practice in the hospital setting, free-standing surgical suite, or in oncology/hospice/palliative care may apply for Schedules II-V if in accordance with the DPAA. All other NPs are eligible for Schedules III-V. A delegating physician may not delegate the Rx of Schedule II CS on the day of hospital discharge for more than a 7-day period. Schedules

III-V may be prescribed as long as in accordance with the delegation protocol.

NP name required on Rx pad? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (10) Michigan State University, East Lansing; Oakland University, Rochester; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; University of Michigan, Flint; Wayne State University, Detroit; Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids; Madonna University, Livonia; Northern Michigan University, Marquette; Saginaw Valley State University, University Center; University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes, the state medical and osteopathic societies usually oppose

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 10 for NPs (10:3280 or 1:328 ratio)
- 2601 for DOs/Interns/Residents (2601:4978 or 1:2 ratio)
- 9953 for MDs/Interns/Residents (9953:33,627 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 17 for NPs (17:3280 or 1:193 ratio)
- 417 for DOs/Interns/Residents (417:4978 or 1:12 ratio)
- 1229 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1229:33,627 or 1:27 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 57

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

STATE: MINNESOTA

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) and CNP (certified nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 2371

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes, by certifying organizations acceptable to the BON

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes. However, prescribing is a medically delegated function for CNPs. CNPs must maintain a written agreement (WA) with a physician based on standards established by the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) and the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA).

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. APRNs certified in mental health may act as examiners to place patients on emergency hold for care and treatment and to petition the court for retention for treatment; they may also act as "health officers" for purposes of taking individuals into custody for transport to a treatment facility.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes.

For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes, as authorized in the WA

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (6) College of St Scholastica, Duluth, St Paul, and St Cloud; College of Saint Catherine, St Paul; Metropolitan State University, St Paul; Minnesota State University, Mankato; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Winona State University, Winona

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? NA at this time

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 8 for NPs (8:2371 or 1:296 ratio)
- 38 for DOs/Interns/Residents (38:469 or 1:12 ratio)
- 1844 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1844:17,295 or 1:9 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 1 for NPs (1:2371 or 1:2371 ratio)
- 26 for DOs/Interns/Residents (26:469 or 1:18 ratio)
- 450 for MDs/Interns/Residents (450:17,295 or 1:38 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 75

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

STATE: MISSISSIPPI

NP title(s) used in this state: NP-BC (nurse practitioner-board certified) and APRN (advanced practice registered nurse)

Number of NPs in state? 2167

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? No, the R&R for NPs are jointly promulgated by the BON and the BOM and implemented by the BON.

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes, included in practice documentation for non-scheduled drugs; separate protocol required for CS prescribing

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes. The BON may deny CS authority or grant any combination of Schedules (eg, V only; IV and V; III, IV, and V; II, IV and V). A letter justifying the requested Rx authority for Schedules II and III must be signed by NPs and their

collaborative/consultative physician outlining the NPs' practice and the necessity for the requested CS protocol approval (including an explanation of the practice, the population served, and the types of diseases treated). Applications for Rx authority for Schedules II and III are reviewed by the BON's Expanded Role Committee, which includes a physician board member who also serves on the BOM.

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V, depending on BON authorization

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (4) Delta State University, Cleveland; Mississippi University for Women, Columbus; University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson; University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes, by the state medical association

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 13 for NPs (13:2167 or 1:167 ratio)
- 66 for DOs/Interns/Residents (66:314 or 1:5 ratio)
- 1890 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1890:6053 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 23 for NPs (23:2167 or 1:94 ratio)
- 45 for DOs/Interns/Residents (45:314 or 1:7 ratio)
- 347 for MDs/Interns/Residents (347:6053 or 1:17 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 65

Descriptive ranking: Grade D – State restricts patient choice

STATE: MISSOURI

NP title(s) used in this state: NP (nurse practitioner) and APRN (advanced practice registered nurse)

Number of NPs in state? 3304

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes, regulatory authority

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? NPs cannot order PT per BOM. In addition, because all products containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine in solid forms are now considered Schedule V CS (and APRNs in this state have not had independent CS authority), they may not Rx these products in solid dosage forms. This limitation may change when new 2008 law rules are promulgated.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? APRNs may be delegated prescriptive authority by a physician through the written CPA. CS authority will be delegated and described in the CPA. Rules are being promulgated.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes.

For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Legislation passed in 2008; rules being promulgated

If so, which schedules? Schedules III-V; III limited to 120 hours' worth of medication with no refills

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (13) University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg; Research College of Nursing, Kansas City; Saint Louis University, St Louis; University of Missouri, Columbia; University of Missouri, Kansas City; Graceland University, Independence; Maryville University of Saint Louis, St Louis; Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau; Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield; University of Missouri, St Louis; University of Phoenix, St Louis; Barnes-Jewish College, St Louis; Central Methodist University, Fayette

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes, from the state medical association

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 16 for NPs (16:3304 or 1:207 ratio)
- 639 for DOs/Interns/Residents (639:1829 or 1:5 ratio)
- 3899 for MDs/Interns/Residents (3899:17,762 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:3304 or 0:3304 ratio)
- 315 for DOs/Interns/Residents (315:1829 or 1:6 ratio)
- 746 for MDs/Interns/Residents (746:17,762 or 1:24 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 36

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

STATE: MONTANA

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 468 (509 APRNs with Rx authority)

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Not at this time

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes. Rx for Schedules III-V shall not exceed the quantity necessary for a 3-month period.

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net



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OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (1) Montana State University, Bozeman

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 4 for NPs (4:468 or 1:117 ratio)
- 45 for DOs/Interns/Residents (45:140 or 1:3 ratio)
- 1036 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1036:2631 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:468 or 0:468 ratio)
- 13 for DOs/Interns/Residents (13:140 or 1:11 ratio)
- 126 for MDs/Interns/Residents (126:2631 or 1:21 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 93

Descriptive ranking: Grade A – State is exemplary for patient choice

STATE: NEBRASKA

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN-NP

Number of NPs in state? 802

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? No. APRNs are licensed and regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, which is advised by the APRN Board (separate from the BON, with responsibility for RNs and LPNs) on all issues related to regulation of APRNs. The APRN Board has sole regulatory responsibility of APRNs (NPs, CRNAs, CNMs, and newly licensed CNSs). Under the department, the APRN Board is charged with establishing standards for integrated practice agreements (IPAs) between APRNs and collaborating physicians; monitoring APRN SOP; and approving R&R with the BON to implement the APRN Act for adoption and promulgation by the department.

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP

practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes, part of IPA

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (3) Creighton University, Omaha; University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha; Clarkson College, Omaha

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 3 for NPs (3:802 or 1:267 ratio)
- 19 for DOs/Interns/Residents (19:181 or 1:10 ratio)
- 1320 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1320:5044 or 1:4 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:802 or 0:802 ratio)
- 4 for DOs/Interns/Residents (4:181 or 1:45 ratio)
- 126 for MDs/Interns/Residents (126:5044 or 1:40 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 61

Descriptive ranking: Grade D – State restricts patient choice

STATE: NEVADA

NP title(s) used in this state: APN (advanced practitioner of nursing)

Number of NPs in state? 571

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes, only for APNs without a BSN or MSN who completed their program between 1992 and 6/1/05

BON sole state authority over NPs? No

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Not currently

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? APNs may perform practices (taught to them by physicians or other APNs and identified as being within their SOP in the latest BON-approved Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature [CINAHL]), as

long as the task is written into the APN's protocol, which has been signed by the collaborating physician.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. APNs with Rx privileges will have a referral process to a licensed physician and a method for documenting referral in patient records.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes, per protocol

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes, per protocol

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (2) University of Nevada, Reno; University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Depends on the change being proposed (eg, yes when NPs want to increase autonomy)

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank

(NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 3 for NPs (3:571 or 1:190 ratio)
- 82 for DOs/Interns/Residents (82:467 or 1:6 ratio)
- 1464 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1464:5851 or 1:4 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 10 for NPs (10:571 or 1:57 ratio)
- 7 for DOs/Interns/Residents (7:467 or 1:67 ratio)

- 184 for MDs/Interns/Residents (184:5851 or 1:32 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 73

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

STATE: NEW HAMPSHIRE

NP title(s) used in this state: ARNP (advanced registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 1368

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. Authority to certify a walking disability and death records was adopted in a 2007 statute.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? Yes

If so, explain specifics of formulary. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (2) Rivier College, Nashua; University of New Hampshire, Durham

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 10 for NPs (10:1368 or 1:137 ratio)
- 15 for DOs/Interns/Residents (15:237 or 1:16 ratio)
- 921 for MDs/Interns/Residents (921:4304 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 3 for NPs (3:1368 or 1:456 ratio)
- 11 for DOs/Interns/Residents (11:237 or 1:22 ratio)
- 148 for MDs/Interns/Residents (148:4304 or 1:22 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 95

Descriptive ranking: Grade A – State is exemplary for patient choice

STATE: NEW JERSEY

NP title(s) used in this state: APN (advanced practice nurse)

Number of NPs in state? 3790 (active) 678 (inactive)

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes, but with an exception. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes, for practice; no, for prescribing

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. APNs are permitted to order laboratory and diagnostic tests (including ordering radiologic tests); to prescribe and order treatments; to perform specific procedures within the SOP of an APN; to order transfusions and procedures related to collection or donation of blood and blood products; to pronounce death in all clinical settings (although not the pronouncement of brain death or certifying cause of death); and to implement advanced directives for the mentally ill.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. A JP is required for prescribing only. APNs and physicians must engage in collaboration (an ongoing process consistent with agreed-on parameters of their respective practices) using a JP (ie, an agreement or contract between an APN and a collaborating physician). The JP must be cooperatively reviewed, signed, and updated at least annually by both providers.

NP Rx from state authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes. A 2004 law authorizes APNs to initiate CS according to the JP. APNs are required to revise their JP to explicitly address whether or not they must consult with the collaborating physician prior to prescribing or ordering CS. All APNs must complete a 6 contact hour course in CS prescribing. This course need only be taken once. The BON will randomly audit APNs on renewal and request a copy of course completion from those who are audited.

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (10) Felician College, Lodi; Monmouth University, West Long Branch; Seton Hall University, South Orange; The College of New Jersey, Ewing; University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark; Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck; Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark; Saint Peter's College, Jersey City; SetonWorldWide, Seton Hall University, Online; William Paterson University, Wayne

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? No transparent opposition currently

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 12 for NPs (12:3790 or 1:316 ratio)
- 773 for DOs/Interns/Residents (773:2972 or 1:4 ratio)
- 9654 for MDs/Interns/Residents (9654:33,242 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 1 for NPs (1:3790 or 1:3790 ratio)
- 221 for DOs/Interns/Residents (221:2972 or 1:13 ratio)
- 1386 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1386:33,242 or 1:24 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 81

Descriptive ranking: Grade B – State partially supports patient choice

STATE: NEW MEXICO

NP title(s) used in this state: CNP (certified nurse practitioner) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 753

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? Yes

If so, explain specifics of formulary. CNPs must maintain a self-determined formulary relevant to their specialty to be maintained with the BON. The only drugs to be included in the formulary are those relevant to CNPs' specialty and practice setting.

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (3) New Mexico State University, Las Cruces; University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; University of St Francis, Albuquerque

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 16 for NPs (16:753 or 1:47 ratio)
- 107 for DOs/Interns/Residents (107:215 or 1:2 ratio)
- 1691 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1691:5495 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (Period 1/99- 9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:753 or 0:753 ratio)
- 0 for DOs/Interns/Residents (0:215 or 0:215 ratio)
- 252 for MDs/Interns/Residents (252:5495 or 1:22 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 91

Descriptive ranking: Grade A – State is exemplary for patient choice

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STATE: NEW YORK

NP title(s) used in this state: NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 14,272

National certification required for recognition/practice? No

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes, within umbrella context of the Board of Regents' jurisdiction

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No, but in a General Business Law statute, if you use the term "Doctor" when offering to perform health services, you must indicate the profession in which you hold a doctorate.

CE requirements for NP practice? No

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? NPs may write home health personal aid services, may act as medical inspectors in school districts, may order respiratory therapy, may obtain limited test-site permits under CLIA, may declare an emergency in relation to ordering utilities turned back on after "shutoff" action, and may prescribe non-patient-specific orders (ie, certain immunizations; anti-anaphylactic agents; PPD tests; and

rapid HIV tests).

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. The practice agreement and protocols govern the prescribing of drugs. The law authorizes NPs to prescribe drugs for treatment of patients within their specialty area of practice. In terms of CS, NPs may order drugs from Schedules II-IV without restriction. Drugs, immunizing agents, tests, devices, and procedures ordered by NPs do not require a co-signature from the collaborating physician.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No



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If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-IV

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (27) Adelphi University, Garden City; Binghamton University, SUNY, Binghamton; College of Mount Saint Vincent, Riverdale; Columbia University, New York; D'Youville College, Buffalo; Pace University, New York; SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica; University at Buffalo, Buffalo; University of Rochester, Rochester; Daemen College, Amherst; Dominican College, Orangeburg; Hunter-Bellevue College of The City University of New York, New York; Keuka College, Keuka Park; Long Island University, C.W. Post, Brookville; Long Island University, Brooklyn; Molloy College, Rockville Centre; Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh; Nazareth College of Rochester, Rochester; New York University, New York; Saint John Fisher College, Rochester; Stony Brook University, Brockport; SUNY College at Brockport,

Brockport; SUNY Downstate Medical Center at Brooklyn, Brooklyn; SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse; The College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle; The Sage Colleges, Department of Nursing, Troy; Wagner College, Staten Island

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 67 for NPs (67:14,272 or 1:213 ratio)
- 556 for DOs/Interns/Residents (556:3871 or 1:7 ratio)
- 32,550 for MDs/Interns/Residents (32,550:87,030 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 18 for NPs (18:14,272 or 1:793 ratio)
- 182 for DOs/Interns/Residents (182:3871 or 1:21 ratio)
- 3767 for MDs/Interns/Residents (3767:87,030 or 1:23 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 85

Descriptive ranking: Grade B – State partially supports patient choice

STATE: NORTH CAROLINA

NP title(s) used in this state: NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 3134

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? No. NPs are governed by a joint subcommittee of the BON and the BOM.

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. Any restrictions would be based on the individual CPA between the NP and the physician.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required?

No. Drugs, tests, and devices prescribed must be included in the CPA.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required?
No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing?
Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes. CS (Schedules II, IIN, III, IIIN, IV, and V) may be procured, prescribed, or ordered as established in the CPA, provided that dosage units for schedules II, IIN, III, and IIIN are limited to a 30-day supply and that the prescription or order for schedules II, IIN, III, and IIIN may not be refilled.

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (8) Duke University, Durham; East Carolina University, Greenville; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; University of North Carolina, Greensboro; University of North Carolina, Charlotte; University of North Carolina,

Wilmington; Western Carolina University, Cullowhee; Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 13 for NPs (13:3134 or 1:241 ratio)
- 68 for DOs/Interns/Residents (68:753 or 1:11 ratio)
- 3754 for MDs/Interns/Residents (3754:25,968 or 1:7 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 23 for NPs (23:3134 or 1:136 ratio)
- 31 for DOs/Interns/Residents (31:753 or 1:24 ratio)
- 903 for MDs/Interns/Residents (903:25,968 or 1:24 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 57

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

STATE: NORTH DAKOTA

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 343

National certification required for recognition/practice? No

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For

details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. The CPA requires that a specified licensed physician sign that he or she will be participating with the APRN. Prescribing practices must be periodically reviewed (at least once every 2 months) by the APRN and the collaborating physician to ensure that prescribing is within the identified SOP. Methods and frequency of consultations

must be clearly spelled out in the CPA.

NP Rx from state authorized formulary required?
No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing?
Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V, as long as specified in the CPA

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (3)
North Dakota State University, Fargo; University of Mary, Bismarck; University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regula-

tory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net
Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 2 for NPs (2:343 or 1:172 ratio)
- 10 for DOs/Interns/Residents (10:60 or 1:6 ratio)
- 416 for MDs/Interns/Residents (416:1782 or 1:4 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 2 for NPs (2:343 or 1:172 ratio)
- 17 for DOs/Interns/Residents (17:60 or 1:4 ratio)
- 192 for MDs/Interns/Residents (192:1782 or 1:9 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 76

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

STATE: OHIO

NP title(s) used in this state: CNP (certified nurse practitioner) and CRNP (certified registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 3901

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? Nothing in the Ohio NPA prohibits a nurse from using the term "Dr." For more details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. CNPs may give orders for PT, may supervise services provided by a home health agency if included in the standard care arrangement, and may legally sign to issue handicap placards and plates for qualified patients. In addition, NPs may dispense an expanded list of stock medications in federally supported free clinics, including drugs and devices to treat asthma, diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. NPs must enter into a standard care arrangement with a physician to collaborate (ie, be continuously available to communicate with the NP in person or via other forms of communication).

NP Rx from state authorized formulary required? Yes

If so, explain specifics of formulary. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes.

For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V. NPs may Rx Schedule II agents only for a patient with a "terminal condition" (as defined by the Ohio Revised Code) and only if the NPs' collaborating physician initially prescribed it for the patient. NPs may refill the medication only for an amount necessary for a 24-hour period.

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (11)

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland; Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville; Kent State University, Kent; Malone College, Canton; Medical College of Ohio, Toledo; The Ohio State University, Columbus; Otterbein College, Columbus; University of Akron, Akron; University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati; Ursuline College, Pepper Pike; Wright State University, Dayton

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 4 for NPs (4:3901 or 1:975 ratio)
- 1105 for DOs/Interns/Residents (1105:3854 or 1:3 ratio)
- 8901 for MDs/Interns/Residents (8901:38,239 or 1:4 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:3901 or 0:3901 ratio)
- 590 for DOs/Interns/Residents (590:3854 or 1:7 ratio)
- 2385 for MDs/Interns/Residents (2385:38,239 or 1:6 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 71

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

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STATE: OKLAHOMA

NP title(s) used in this state: ARNP (advanced registered nurse practitioner) and APN (advanced practice nurse)

Number of NPs in state? 731

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. The written statement defines appropriate referral, consultation, and collaboration between APNs and the supervising physician.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? Yes, the BON Exclusionary Formulary

If so, explain specifics of formulary. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules III-V. ARNPs may not Rx more than a 30-day supply of these drugs and must Rx in accordance with the Exclusionary Formulary.

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (3) University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City; University of Phoenix, Oklahoma and Tulsa

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Heavy opposition to NP SOP from organized medicine

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 6 for NPs (6:731 or 1:122 ratio)
- 382 for DOs/Interns/Residents (382:1531 or 1:4 ratio)
- 1754 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1754:8629 or 1:4 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 27 for NPs (27:731 or 1:27 ratio)
- 178 for DOs/Interns/Residents (178:1531 or 1:4 ratio)
- 413 for MDs/Interns/Residents (413:8629 or 1:21 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 63

Descriptive ranking: Grade D – State restricts patient choice

STATE:

OREGON

NP title(s) used in this state: NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 2271

National certification required for recognition/practice? No

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. In 2005, SB 880 added "NP" to statutes that had been MD specific; accomplished by a team of 38 NPs who reviewed >750 Oregon statutes looking for places where NPs were appropriate but excluded as providers.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug



sampling? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (2) Oregon Health & Science University, Portland; University of Portland, Portland

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 72 for NPs (72:2271 or 1:32 ratio)
- 76 for DOs/Interns/Residents (76:564 or 1:7 ratio)
- 1645 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1645:12,305 or 1:7 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 8 for NPs (8:2271 or 1:284 ratio)
- 73 for DOs/Interns/Residents (73:564 or 1:8 ratio)
- 613 for MDs/Interns/Residents (613:12,305 or 1:20 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 92

Descriptive ranking: Grade A – State is exemplary for patient choice

STATE: PENNSYLVANIA

NP title(s) used in this state: CRNP (certified registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 6393

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes, for new state CRNP certifications issued after 2/05

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No, but as specified in the regulations, CRNPs who hold a doctorate should take appropriate steps to inform patients that they are not a doctor of medicine or of osteopathic medicine.

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. A 2007 law includes the following for CRNP SOP: (1) ordering home health and hospice care; (2) ordering durable medical equipment; (3) issuing oral orders to the extent permitted by a healthcare facility's by-laws, rules, regulations, or administrative policies and guidelines; (4) making PT, dietician, respiratory, and OT referrals; (5) performing disability assessments for TANF program; (6) issuing homebound schooling certifications; and (7) performing and signing the initial assessment of methadone treatment evaluations after a physician order is made.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes – a written, signed CA must identify the specialty area of practice in which CRNPs are certified, the categories of drugs from which CRNPs may prescribe or dispense, and the circumstances and how often the collaborating physician will see the patient. The CA must be updated by the

collaborating physician and the CRNP whenever it is changed substantially and it must be kept at the primary practice location of the CRNP, with a copy filed with the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs.

NP Rx from state authorized formulary required? Yes

If so, explain specifics of formulary. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-IV, but Schedule II is limited to a 72-hour supply and Schedules III-IV is limited to 30-day supply.

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (23) Drexel University, Philadelphia; Duquesne University, Pittsburgh; Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh; Widener University, Chester; Bloomsburg, Bloomsburg; Gannon University, Erie; La Salle University, Philadelphia; Millersville University, Millersville; Neumann College, Aston; Pennsylvania State University, University Park; Temple University, Philadelphia; The University of Scranton, Scranton; Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia; Clarion University, Clarion; Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro; Slippery Rock University, Clarion; Villanova University, Villanova; Carlow College, Pittsburgh; Misericordia College, Dallas; DeSales University, Center Valley; Robert Morris University, Moon Township

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? No

Cumulative number of Medical Malpractice Reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 17 for NPs (17:6393 or 1:376 ratio)
- 2737 for DOs/Interns/Residents (2737:5675 or 1:2 ratio)
- 18,915 for MDs/Interns/Residents (18,915:48,633 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and

Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 26 for NPs (26:6393 or 1:246 ratio)
- 354 for DOs/Interns/Residents (354:5675 or 1:16 ratio)
- 1861 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1861:48,633 or 1:26 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions,

civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 78

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

STATE: RHODE ISLAND

NP title(s) used in this state: RNP (certified registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 700

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes. Prescriptive privileges for RNPs are granted from the Department of Health and Office of Health Services Regulation, Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (BON)

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Not at this time

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. A law allows for RNPs' global signature authority (ie, whenever any provision of the general or public law or regulation requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician, it shall be deemed to include a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by an RNP, provided that nothing shall be construed to expand the RNP's SOP).

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (1) University of Rhode Island, Kingston

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? No

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 5 for NPs (5:700 or 1:140 ratio)
- 79 for DOs/Interns/Residents (79:203 or 1:3 ratio)
- 990 for MDs/Interns/Residents (990:4531 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 5 for NPs (5:700 or 1:140 ratio)
- 11 for DOs/Interns/Residents (11:203 or 1:18 ratio)
- 154 for MDs/Interns/Residents (154:4531 or 1:29 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 88

Descriptive ranking: Grade B – State partially supports patient choice

STATE: SOUTH CAROLINA

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 3798

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No, as long as tests are listed in the WPs kept by the NP. New legislation allows APRNs to administer PE to school bus drivers.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. Prescribing by NPs must be within the approved WPs that establish physician delegation prescribing of medications.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules III-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (3) Clemson University, Clemson; Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston; University of South Carolina, Columbia

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 10 for NPs (10:3798 or 1:380 ratio)
- 50 for DOs/Interns/Residents (50:391 or 1:8 ratio)
- 2327 for MDs/Interns/Residents (2327:11,599 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:3798 or 0:3798 ratio)
- 20 for DOs/Interns/Residents (20:391 or 1:20 ratio)
- 467 for MDs/Interns/Residents (467:11,599 or 1:25 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 59

Descriptive ranking: Grade F – State severely restricts patient choice

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website at www.webnp.net in March.**

STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA

NP title(s) used in this state: CNP (certified nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 372

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? No

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes (see above)

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V, but Schedule II substances must not be prescribed for a period >30 days



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South Dakota State University, Brookings**Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes?** For details, log on to www.webnp.net**Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):**

- 2 for NPs (2:372 or 1:186 ratio)
- 16 for DOs/Interns/Residents (16:106 or 1:7 ratio)

- 420 for MDs/Interns/Residents (420:2015 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 1 for NPs (1:372 or 1:372 ratio)
- 7 for DOs/Interns/Residents (7:106 or 1:15 ratio)
- 62 for MDs/Interns/Residents (62:2015 or 1:33 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 63**Descriptive ranking:** Grade D – State restricts patient choice

MEETINGS & EVENTS



APRIL 16-19, 2009: The **National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties** will hold its 35th Annual Meeting, with the theme of "Building a Strong Tomorrow for Nurse Practitioner Education," at the Marriott Portland Waterfront in Portland, Oregon. Log on to www.nonpf.org for more information.

APRIL 17-18, 2009: The **Mississippi Nurses Association** is holding its 2009 Nurse Practitioner Convention at Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center in Olive Branch, Mississippi. To contact the hotel, call (662) 890-2886 or (662) 895-2941 or visit www.wvconferencecenter.com

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MAY 6-8, 2009: The **New Hampshire NP Association** and **Massachusetts Coalition of Nurse Practitioners** are sponsoring the Northeast Regional NP Conference at the Boston Marriott Newton in Newton, Massachusetts. To obtain more information or a brochure, call (617) 552-4257 or visit www.npweb.org

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MAY 16-21, 2009: The **American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)** will hold its National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. For more information about this event, please call the AACN at (800) 899-2226, send an email to ntimail@aacn.org, or log on to the AACN website at www.aacn.org/nti

JUNE 17-21, 2009: The **American Academy of Nurse Practitioners** is holding its 24th National Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. For more information, go to www.aanp.org

OCTOBER 14-17, 2009: The **National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health** announces that its 12th Annual Premier Women's Healthcare Conference will be held in Providence, Rhode Island. More details will be available on the NPWH website at www.npwh.org

STATE: TENNESSEE

NP title(s) used in this state: APN (advanced practice nurse) and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 4033 (of these 3966 have authority to prescribe)

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes. However, prescribing NPs are under rules jointly adopted by the BON and the Board of Medical Examiners (BOM). Under these rules, physicians supervising NP prescriptive practice are regulated by the BOM, whereas NPs are regulated by the BON.

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net.

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Written guidelines for prescriptive management are developed jointly by the supervising physician and prescribing NP; the guidelines outline and cover the applicable standard of care specific to the population seen, and account for all protocol drugs by appropriate formulary. NPs must maintain a copy of the guideline/protocol that they are using at their practice location and make the protocol available on request by the BON, BOM, or authorized agents of either board. The protocol must be kept at the practice site and reviewed and updated biannually.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? Yes

If so, explain specifics of formulary. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? NPs who hold a COF are authorized to prescribe and/or issue CS listed in Schedules II-V upon joint adopting physician supervisory rules concerning CS.

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (11) Belmont University, Nashville; Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; East Tennessee State University, Johnson City; Tennessee State University, Nashville; University of Memphis, Memphis; University of Tennessee, Knoxville; University of Tennessee, Memphis; Vanderbilt University, Nashville; Southern Adventist University, Collegedale; Union University, Jackson; University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? General opposition by organized medicine

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 26 for NPs (26:4033 or 1:155 ratio)
- 113 for DOs/Interns/Residents (113:556 or 1:5 ratio)
- 2995 for MDs/Interns/Residents (2995:18,255 or 1:6 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 13 for NPs (13:4033 or 1:310 ratio)
- 27 for DOs/Interns/Residents (27:556 or 1:21 ratio)
- 667 for MDs/Interns/Residents (667:18,255 or 1:27 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 75

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

STATE: TEXAS

NP title(s) used in this state: NP (nurse practitioner; must indicate BON-approved specialty)

Number of NPs in state? 7495

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No, but for more details, log on to www.webnp.net

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. In 2007, eight bills were amended to change physician-only language to language that includes APNs in the enacted legislation.

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. Protocols or other written authorization that is agreed on and signed by the APN and the physician may state types or categories of drugs that may be prescribed—rather than just list specific drugs.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules III, IV, or V limited to 30 days, refillable only upon consultation with a dele-

gating physician. Any CS Rx for a patient <2 years old requires delegating physician consultation. All CS prescriptions must have both the NP's Department of Public Safety (DPS) # and DEA # and the physician's DPS # and DEA #.

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (21) Abilene Intercollegiate, Abilene; Baylor University, Dallas; Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls; Prairie View A&M, Houston; Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi; Texas A&M International University, Laredo; Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; Texas Tech University, Lubbock; Texas Woman's University, Dallas, Denton, Houston; University of Texas, Arlington, Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Galveston, Edinberg, San Antonio, Tyler; West Texas A&M University, Canyon

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 62 for NPs (62:7495 or 1:121 ratio)
- 974 for DOs/Interns/Residents (974:3346 or 1:3 ratio)
- 16,029 for MDs/Interns/Residents (16,029:58,223 or 1:4 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 51 for NPs (51:7495 or 1:147 ratio)
- 249 for DOs/Interns/Residents (249:3346 or 1:13 ratio)
- 2166 for MDs/Interns/Residents (2166:58,223 or 1:27 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 65

Descriptive ranking: Grade D – State restricts patient choice

STATE: UTAH

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse), RNP (registered nurse practitioner), and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 1665

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes. However, the BON is advisory to the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL), the agency that oversees licensure of ~60 different occupations and professions.

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes, for APRNs who choose to prescribe Schedules II-III CS. "Consulting physician" is a physician or surgeon who has agreed to consult with this APRN (who must possess a state CS license and a DEA registration number). Required physician consultation is not needed to prescribe any other drugs or devices or to prescribe Schedules IV-V CS.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing?

Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (4) Brigham Young University, Provo; University of Utah (has only DNP program in state), Salt Lake City; Westminster College, Salt Lake City; University of Phoenix, Utah

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? No, tends to be issue specific

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 5 for NPs (5:1665 or 1:333 ratio)
- 29 for DOs/Interns/Residents (29:307 or 1:11 ratio)
- 1754 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1754:6399 or 1:4 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 19 for NPs (19:1665 or 1:88 ratio)
- 28 for DOs/Interns/Residents (28:307 or 1:11 ratio)
- 315 for MDs/Interns/Residents (315:6399 or 1:20 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 87

Descriptive ranking: Grade B – State partially supports patient choice

STATE: VERMONT

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse)

Number of NPs in state? 539

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes. Prescriptions may be written and signed by APRNs for those medications appropriately described based on the practice guidelines. A list of endorsed APRNs will be made available to the BOP.

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? No

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (1) University of Vermont, Burlington

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:539 or 0:539 ratio)
- 5 for DOs/Interns/Residents (5:59 or 1:12 ratio)
- 457 for MDs/Interns/Residents (457:2778 or 1:13 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 2 for NPs (2:539 or 1:270 ratio)
- 10 for DOs/Interns/Residents (10:59 or 1:6 ratio)
- 144 for MDs/Interns/Residents (144:2778 or 1:19 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 77

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

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STATE:

VIRGINIA

NP title(s) used in this state: LNP (licensed nurse practitioner), APN (advanced practice nurse), and NP (nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 5507

National certification required for recognition/practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BON sole state authority over NPs? No

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No, but there is a requirement that persons who use the "Dr" title and are not

physicians must also use the appropriate designation following their name to be clear that they are not physicians. Of further interest is House Bill 129, which was introduced in the 2008 General Assembly. This legislation, which was stricken from the docket and did not report, included a requirement that no persons other than those who have received a degree as a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy should use the term "physician" in connection with their name or practice.

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

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Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? A WPA jointly developed by the supervising physician and the NP describes and directs the Rx authority of the NP. This WPA must be approved by the BON and the BOM prior to issuance of Rx authority. A new WPA must be filed with the application for each prescriptive authority biennial renewal if there have been any changes in supervision, authorization, or scope of practice, or any time a change in the primary supervising physician shall occur.

NP Rx from state authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (9) Hampton University, Hampton; Marymount University, Arlington; Old Dominion University, Norfolk; Radford University, Radford; Shenandoah University, Winchester; University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; George Mason University, Fairfax; James Madison University, Harrisonburg



Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? The level and scope of organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes depends on the type and nature of the changes proposed.

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 18 for NPs (18:5507 or 1:306 ratio)
- 66 for DOs/Interns/Residents (66:907 or 1:14 ratio)
- 3454 for MDs/Interns/Residents (3454:23,676 or 1:7 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 33 for NPs (33:5507 or 1:167 ratio)
- 58 for DOs/Interns/Residents (58:907 or 1:16 ratio)
- 1496 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1496:23,676 or 1:16 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 60

Descriptive ranking: Grade D – State restricts patient choice

STATE: WASHINGTON

NP title(s) used in this state: ARNP (advanced registered nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 3561 NPs (4658 ARNPs)

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No. ARNPs may sign accident reports and certify time loss for Labor and Industry claims

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (6) Gonzaga University, Spokane; Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma; Seattle University, Seattle; Washington State University, Spokane and four other campuses across the state; Seattle Pacific University, Seattle; University of Washington, Seattle

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 31 for NPs (31:3561 or 1:115 ratio)
- 163 for DOs/Interns/Residents (163:788 or 1:5 ratio)
- 3865 for MDs/Interns/Residents (3865:20,383 or 1:5 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 68 for NPs (68:3561 or 1:52 ratio)
- 94 for DOs/Interns/Residents (94:788 or 1:8 ratio)
- 872 for MDs/Interns/Residents (872:20,383 or 1:23 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 98*

*Editor's Note: If states were re-ranked, Washington would likely score 100 because of 2008 legislative change.

Descriptive ranking: Grade A – State is exemplary for patient choice

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STATE: WEST VIRGINIA

NP title(s) used in this state: ANP (advanced nurse practitioner)

Number of NPs in state? 694

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP ordering of any diagnostic tests? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? Yes. Certain drugs are excluded.

If so, explain specifics of formulary. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules III-V. ANPs must file with the BON any restrictions on Rx authority that

are agreed to within the written collaborative agreement and the collaborating physician(s).

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (5) Marshall University, Huntington; Mountain State University, Beckley; Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling; Wheeling Jesuit University, Online; West Virginia University, Morgantown

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 2 for NPs (2:694 or 1:347 ratio)
- 165 for DOs/Interns/Residents (165:685 or 1:4 ratio)
- 2125 for MDs/Interns/Residents (2125:5295 or 1:2 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (694 or 0:694 ratio)
- 56 for DOs/Interns/Residents (56:685 or 1:12 ratio)
- 486 for MDs/Interns/Residents (486:5295 or 1:11 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 79

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice

STATE: WISCONSIN

NP title(s) used in this state: APNP (advanced practice nurse prescriber)

Number of NPs in state? 2878 APNPs

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? Yes – a CA for APNPs

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes, APNPs independently and APNs and RNs under supervision

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V, with certain limitations on CII prescribing

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (7) Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon; Marquette University, Milwaukee; University of Wisconsin, Madison; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire; University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh; Viterbo University, La Crosse

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Not currently

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 1 for NPs (2878 or 1:2878 ratio)
- 81 for DOs/Interns/Residents (81:732 or 1:9 ratio)
- 1832 for MDs/Interns/Residents (1832:16,979 or 1:9 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 1 for NPs (1:2878 or 1:2878 ratio)
- 24 for DOs/Interns/Residents (24:732 or 1:31 ratio)
- 371 for MDs/Interns/Residents (371:16,979 or 1:46 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 77

Descriptive ranking: Grade C – State confines patient choice



STATE: WYOMING

NP title(s) used in this state: APRN (advanced practice registered nurse)

Number of NPs in state: 435

National certification required for recognition/practice? Yes

BON sole state authority over NPs? Yes

Joint BON/BOM regulation over any aspect of practice? No

Physician involvement required for any aspect of practice? No

Statutory restriction against NP with doctorate being addressed as "Dr"? No

CE requirements for NP practice? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Recent legislative/regulatory changes affecting NP practice? No

Legislative/administrative plans for state? For details, log on to www.webnp.net

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DIAGNOSING & TREATING

BOM/physician involvement in diagnosing and treating? No

Any legislative prohibitions against NP hospital privileges? No

Additional limitations/prohibitions to NP practice? No

NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRESCRIBING

NP/physician prescriptive agreement required? No

NP Rx from state-authorized formulary required? No

If so, explain specifics of formulary. NA

BOM/physician involvement in NP prescribing? No

NP authorized to Rx controlled substances? Yes

If so, which schedules? Schedules II-V

NP name required on Rx pad? Yes

Authority to receive/dispense drug samples spelled out? Yes. For details, log on to www.webnp.net

Specified limitations or restrictions on NP drug sampling? No

OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO NP PRACTICE

Number and listing of NP schools in state: (1) University of Wyoming, Laramie

Organized opposition to NP legislative or regulatory changes? Not at present

Cumulative number of medical malpractice reports from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) filings (9/90-9/08):

- 2 for NPs (2:435 or 1:218 ratio)
- 36 for DOs/Interns/Residents (36:80 or 1:2 ratio)
- 398 for MDs/Interns/Residents (398:1193 or 1:3 ratio)

Cumulative number of Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB*) filings (1/99-9/08):

- 0 for NPs (0:435 or 0:435 ratio)
- 17 for DOs/Interns/Residents (17:80 or 1:5 ratio)
- 92 for MDs/Interns/Residents (92:1193 or 1:13 ratio)

*HIPDB report totals # of negative licensure actions, civil judgments, criminal convictions, and state agency/health plan reports.

2007 Consumer Choice ranking of state's NP regulation (100 is ideal): 97

Descriptive ranking: Grade A – State is exemplary for patient choice

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