



State Policy Fact Sheet: Alaska

Nurse Practice Act: AS § 08.68.010

Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

Alaska practice and licensure laws authorize nurse practitioners (NPs) to evaluate patients, diagnose and prescribe medications and therapeutic measures.

AS § 08.68.850

Regulatory Agency

NP licensure is regulated exclusively by the [Board of Nursing](#).

AS § 08.68.010

Licensure Requirements

Requirements include a registered nurse license, a graduate degree in an NP role and national certification.

12 AK ADC 44.400

Continuing Education (CE)*

Thirty CE hours are required every two years, or maintenance of national certification may satisfy statute.

12 AK ADC 44.610

Medical Staff Membership**

Medical staff composition is determined by a facility's governing body pursuant to its bylaws and rules.

7 AK ADC 12.110

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as primary care providers.

AS § 21.07.250

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
AS § 08.68.850 & 7 AK ADC 115.310
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for parking permits.
AS § 28.10.181
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
AS § 13.52.065
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.
AS § 18.50.230
- Alaska Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (**POLST**): NPs are authorized to sign the POLST form.
AS § 13.52.100

*Contact hours in specific topics may be required. Please contact your state Board of Nursing for current information.

**Medical Staff Membership refers to governing and voting privileges and is not reflective of clinical or admitting privileges within institutions.

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