



State Policy Fact Sheet: New Jersey

Nurse Practice Act: N.J.S.A. 45:11-23

Regulatory Structure: Reduced Practice

New Jersey constrains nurse practitioner (NP) licensure and practice.

New Jersey NPs must maintain joint protocols with a collaborating physician to order medications and devices.

See the Board of Nursing for more information. N.J.S.A. 45:11-49.

Regulatory Agency

NP licensure is regulated exclusively by the [Board of Nursing](#) (BON).
N.J.S.A. 45:11-50

Licensure Requirements

Requirements include a registered nurse (RN) license, graduation from an NP program and national certification.
N.J.S.A. 45:11-47

Continuing Education (CE)*

In addition to completing 30 hours of RN CE requirements, NPs must complete CE as required for national certification and CE related to specific issues. See the BON for details.
N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.8 & N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 & N.J.S.A. 45:11-47.1

Medical Staff Membership**

Applications for medical staff membership by NPs shall be reviewed according to the same criteria that govern physicians' applications.
N.J.A.C. 8:43G-16.1

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined in law as primary care providers.
N.J.S.A. 30:4D-8.2

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
N.J.A.C. 8:43F-11.1
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
N.J.S.A. 39:4-205 & N.J.S.A. 39:4-206
- DNR: NPs are not currently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
N.J.S.A. 26:2H-68
- Death Certificates: NPs may sign death certificates for patients for whom they were the primary care provider, if no collaborating physician is available.
N.J.S.A. 45:11-49
- New Jersey Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST): NPs can sign the POLST form.
N.J.S.A. 26:2H-130

*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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