



State Policy Fact Sheet: New Mexico

Nurse Practice Act: N.M.S.A 1978 § 61-3

Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

N.M.S.A. 1978 § 61-3-23.2

Regulatory Agency

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

N.M.S.A. 1978, § 61-3-10

Licensure Requirements

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

N.M.S.A. 1978, § 61-3-23.2

Continuing Education (CE)*

In addition to completing CE requirements in accordance with national certification, an NP with Drug Enforcement Administration registration shall obtain 5.0 contact hours in the management of non-cancer pain. See the BON for details. NM ADC 16.12.2

Third Party Reimbursement

Insurers are required to provide coverage for services provided by NPs.

N.M.S.A. 1978 § 59A-47-28.3

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined in law as primary care providers.

N.M.S.A. 1978 § 61-3-23.2 & N.M.S.A. 1978 § 27-2-12.15

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy. NM ADC 16.20.10
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits. N.M.S.A. 1978 § 66-3-16
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders. NM ADC 7.27.6
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates. N.M.S.A. 1978 § 24-14-20
- Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)/Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (**MOST**): NPs are authorized to sign MOST forms. NM ADC 7.27.6

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

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