



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Northern Mariana Islands

## Nurse Practice Act: 3 CMC §§ 2301

### Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

3 CMC §§ 2301

### Regulatory Agency

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

3 CMC §§ 2305

### Licensure Requirements

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

§ 140-60.1-210

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

Thirty contact hours are required every two-year renewal cycle.

§ 140-60.1-232

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

Law provides for a Director of Nursing, who is responsible for the daily operations of the nurses who are employed at a comprehensive health care center (CHCC), such as hospitals and clinics, including the nursing unit.

3 CMC § 2828

### Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as primary care providers.

§ 140-60.1-420 & § 140-60.1-020

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are permitted to refer to physical therapy.  
§ 140-60.1-420
- Parking Permits: NPs are not authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.  
9 CMC § 5653
- Death Certificates: NPs are not presently authorized to sign death certificates.  
1 CMC § 26013

\*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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