



State Policy Fact Sheet: Puerto Rico

Nurse Practice Act: 20 L.P.R.A., Chapter 9a

Regulatory Structure: **Reduced Practice**

Puerto Rico constrains patient access to health care provided by nurse practitioners (NPs). NPs are required by law to maintain a regulated collaborative agreement with a physician for at least one element of NP practice.

20 L.P.R.A §204

Regulatory Agency

NP licensure is regulated by the [Board of Nurse Examiners \(BONE\)](#)

20 L.P.R.A. §204f

Licensure Requirements

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

PR Regs. Health Reg. 9104

Continuing Education (CE)*

Fifty contact hours are required every three-year renewal cycle. See the BONE for details.

PR Regs. Health Reg. 9104

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are not authorized to refer to physical therapy.
20 L.P.R.A. §241
- Parking Permits: NPs are not authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
9 L.P.R.A. §5023
- Death Certificates: NPs are not authorized to sign death certificates.
24 L.P.R.A. §1104

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

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