



State Policy Fact Sheet: Georgia

Nurse Practice Act: GA Code Ann. § 43-26-1

Regulatory Structure: Restricted Practice

Georgia law restricts patient access to nurse practitioner (NP) care. Physician delegation or supervision of NPs is required for practice. Georgia NP Schedule II prescribing authority is limited.

GA Code Ann. § 43-34-25

See Board of Nursing for more information.

GA Comp. R. & Regs. 410-11-14

Regulatory Agency

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

GA Code Ann. § 43-26-4

Licensure Requirements

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

GA Code Ann. § 43-26-7.1 & GA Comp. R. & Regs. 410-11-03

Schedule II Controlled Substance Prescriptive Authority

Eligible NPs limited to hydrocodone, oxycodone, in emergency situations under specific circumstances, with biennial CE. See statute.

GA Code Ann. § 43-34-25

Continuing Education (CE)* ***

CE and practice hours are to be completed in accordance with the BON requirements. Specific hours and exceptions may apply. See Board of Nursing for details.

GA Code Ann. § 43-26-9

Medical Staff Membership**

Medical staff are responsible for reviewing new medical staff credentialing applicants.

GA Comp. R. & Regs. 111-8-40-11

Supervisory Agreement Ratio***

One physician may enter into protocol agreements with no more than eight NPs or other advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) in select settings.

GA Code Ann. § 43-34-25

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Georgia recognizes NP signatures on select items of patient care.
GA Code Ann. § 43-34-25
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for parking permits in accordance with protocol agreement.
GA Code Ann. § 40-2-74 .1
- DNR: NPs are not presently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders, unless delegated in accordance with
GA Code Ann. § 43-34-25 & GA Code Ann. § 31-39-4
- Death Certificates: Eligible NPs are authorized to sign death certificates with biennial CE.
GA Code Ann. § 31-10-15
- Georgia Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST): NPs are not authorized to sign Georgia's POLST form, unless delegated in accordance with § 43-34-25.
GA Code Ann. § 31-1-14

*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.

***Exemptions may be available. Please consult full law for guidance.

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