



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Idaho

## Nurse Practice Act: I.C. § 54-1401

### Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

IDAPA 24.34.01.280

### Regulatory Agency

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

I.C. § 54-1403

### Licensure Requirements

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

I.C. § 54-1409

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

Continuing Education in accordance with national certification.

IDAPA 24.34.01.100

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

Medical staff composition is determined by the facility's governing body.

I.C. § 39-1392g

### Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as primary care providers.

I.C. § 39-5903

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Idaho recognizes NP signatures on items of patient care.  
I.C. § 54-1420
- Physical Therapy: Idaho does not require referral for physical therapy.  
I.C. § 54-2201
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for parking permits.  
I.C. § 49-410
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.  
I.C. § 39-260
- Idaho Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment ([POLST](#))/Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST): NPs are authorized to sign Idaho's POST form. Idaho's POST form includes Do Not Resuscitate Orders.  
I.C. § 39-4512A

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\*\*Medical Staff Membership refers to governing and voting privileges and is not reflective of clinical or admitting privileges within institutions.

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