



State Policy Fact Sheet: Maine

Nurse Practice Act: 32 M.R.S.A. § 2101

Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

Maine law authorizes nurse practitioners (NPs) to evaluate patients, diagnose and prescribe medications and therapeutic measures.

Maine requires NPs to practice for at least 24 months under the supervision of a licensed physician or a supervising NP, or they must be employed by a clinic or hospital that has a medical director who is a licensed physician.

See the Board of Nursing for more information.

Title 32. Professions and Occupations, Chapter 31. Nurses and Nursing, Subchapter 1.

General Provisions 32 M.R.S.A. § 2102

Regulatory Agency

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

32 M.R.S. §2153-A

Licensure Requirements

Requirements include a registered nurse license, graduation from an NP program and national certification.

02-380 CMR Ch. 8, § 2

Continuing Education (CE)*

Fifty CE hours are required every two years.

02-380 CMR Ch. 8, § 8

Third-party Reimbursement

Insurers are required to cover NP services.

24-A M.R.S.A. § 2757

Medical Staff Membership**

Medical staff is organized pursuant to a facility's bylaws.

24 M.R.S.A. § 2503

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined in law as primary care providers.

02-031 CMR Ch. 850, § 5

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Maine recognizes NP signatures on items of patient care.
32 M.R.S.A. § 2205-B
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
10-144 CMR Ch. 101, Ch. II, § 85
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to certify disability for disabled parking permits.
29-A M.R.S.A. § 521
- DNR: NPs are presently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
32 M.R.S.A. § 2205-B
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.
22 M.R.S.A. § 2842
- Maine Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST): NPs are authorized to sign Maine's POLST forms.
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*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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