



State Policy Fact Sheet: Maryland

Nurse Practice Act:

MD Code, Health Occupations, § 8-101

Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

MD Code, Health Occupations, § 8-101

Maryland requires NPs to declare 18 months in a mentorship with a certified NP or physician.

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-302.1

Regulatory Agency

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

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-202

Licensure Requirements

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

MD Code, Health Occupations, § 8-302

Continuing Education (CE)*

CE hours as required for national certification.

COMAR 10.27.07.04

Malpractice Insurance

Advanced practice registered nurses must notify patients in writing if they do not carry professional liability insurance or if coverage lapses.

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-515

Primary Care Providers

Nurse practitioners are defined as primary care providers.

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Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
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- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to certify disability for disabled parking permits.
MD Code, Transportation § 13-616
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
COMAR 10.27.07.03
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.
COMAR 10.27.07.03
- Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)/Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST):
NPs are authorized to sign Maryland's MOLST form.
MD Code, Health-Gen. § 5-608.1

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

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