



State Policy Fact Sheet: Montana

Nurse Practice Act: MCA 37-8-101

Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

Mt.Admin.R. 24.159.1406

Regulatory Agency

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

MCA 37-8-202

Licensure Requirements

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

MT ADC 24.159.1412

Continuing Education (CE)*

NPs must complete CE as required for national certification. See the BON for details.

MT ADC 24.159.1469

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined in law as primary care providers.

MT ADC 37.86.5102

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Montana recognizes NP signatures on items of patient care.
MCA 37-8-410
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
MT ADC 24.159.1406
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
MCA 49-4-301
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
MCA 50-10-101
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.
MCA 50-15-403
- Montana Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment ([POLST](#)): NPs may sign the POLST form.
MT ADC 37.10.101

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