

New Jersey APN Regulatory Structure: Reduced Practice

Nurse Practice Act

N.J.S.A. 45:11-23 N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.6

State law constrains patient access to nurse practitioner (APN) care. APNs are required by law to maintain a regulated joint protocol agreement with a physician for at least one element of APN practice.

Regulatory Agency: APN practice is regulated by the Board of Nursing (BON).

Licensure Requirements: Requirements include an RN license, graduation from an APN program and national certification.

Continuing Education (CE)* In addition to completing 30 hours of RN CE requirements, APNs must complete CE as required for national certification and CE related to specific issues. See the BON for details.

Medical Staff Membership† Applications for medical staff membership by APNs shall be reviewed according to the same criteria that govern physicians' applications.

Primary Care Providers: APNs are defined in law as Primary Care Providers.

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care:

- Physical Therapy: APNs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
- Parking Permits: APNs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
- DNR: APNs are not currently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
- Death Certificates: APNs may sign death certificates for patients for whom they were the primary care provider, if no collaborating physician is available.
- Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST): APNs can sign the New Jersey POLST form.

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

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