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Survey of Pharmacy Law Dispensing Authority

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25. Dispensing Authority

State	Medical Doctor	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	Dentist	Podiatrist	Veterinarian	Doctor of Homeopathy
Alabama	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Alaska	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Arizona	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	Yes D	Yes D	Yes D	Yes D	Yes	No
California	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Colorado	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Connecticut	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Delaware	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
District of Columbia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Florida	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No G
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Guam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes B
Hawaii	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Idaho	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Illinois	Yes R	Yes R, FFF	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	No
Indiana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Iowa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Kansas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Kentucky	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Maine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Maryland	Yes O, WW	Yes O, WW	Yes O, WW	Yes O, WW	Yes	G
Massachusetts	Yes Q	Yes Q	Yes Q	Yes Q	Yes Q	No Q
Michigan	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	No
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Mississippi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Missouri	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	No
Montana	U	U	U	U	U	No
Nebraska	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	G
Nevada	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
New Jersey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
New Mexico	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
New York	Yes H	Yes H	Yes H	Yes H	Yes H	No
North Carolina	Yes ZZ	Yes ZZ	No	EEE	Yes AAA	No
North Dakota	Yes	Yes	No	EEE	Yes	No
Ohio	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	No
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Oregon	Yes J	Yes J	Yes	Yes J	Yes	N/A
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No G
Puerto Rico	Yes SS	No SS †	Yes	Yes	CC	No DD
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
South Carolina	Yes BB	Yes BB	Yes BB	Yes BB	Yes BB	No
South Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No G
Texas	Yes EE	Yes EE	Yes EE	Yes EE	Yes	No
Utah	No E	No E	No E	No E	Yes	No G
Vermont	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No GG
Virginia	Yes HH	Yes HH	Yes R	Yes HH	Yes R	No
Washington	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not licensed
West Virginia	JJ	JJ	JJ	Yes JJ	JJ	JJ
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Wyoming	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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25. Dispensing Authority (cont.)

State	Physician Assistant	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	Clinical Nurse Specialist	Nurse Midwife	Midwife	Nurse Practitioner
Alabama	II	II	II	II	II	II
Alaska	Yes	Yes A	No A	No A	No A	Yes A
Arizona	Yes	Yes	—	No C	No C	Yes
Arkansas	No	No	No	No	No	No
California	Yes TT	Yes TT	No F	Yes TT	No	Yes TT
Colorado	Yes	Yes L, V	Yes L, V	Yes L, V	Yes L, V	Yes L, V
Connecticut	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	N/A	Yes A
Delaware	Yes	Yes J	Yes J	Yes J	No	Yes J
District of Columbia	Yes BBB	Yes UU	No	No	No	No
Florida	Yes CCC	Yes	No	No	No	No
Georgia	Yes K	Yes K	No	Yes K	No	Yes K
Guam	Yes	Yes S	Yes S	Yes S	Yes S	Yes S
Hawaii	Yes	No †	No †	No †	No G	No †
Idaho	Yes	QQ	QQ	QQ	No	QQ
Illinois	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	No	Yes R
Indiana	Yes YY	Yes NN	Yes NN	Yes NN	No	Yes NN
Iowa	No M	Yes	No N	No N	No	No N
Kansas	No	No	No	No	No	No
Kentucky	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	No	Yes V
Louisiana	No	No	No	No	No	No
Maine	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maryland	Yes XX	Yes O	No	No	No G	Yes O
Massachusetts	Yes Q	Yes Q	Yes Q	Yes Q	No	Yes Q
Michigan	Yes RR	Yes RR	G, †	Yes RR	No	Yes RR
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Mississippi	No	No	No	No	No	No
Missouri	Yes T	Yes T	Yes T	Yes T	No	Yes T
Montana	U	U	U	U	No	U
Nebraska	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	No G	Yes V
Nevada	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
New Jersey	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
New Mexico	Yes	Yes B	Yes B	Yes B	No	Yes B
New York	Yes H	Yes H	No	N/A	Yes H	Yes H
North Carolina	Yes Y	Yes Y	N/A	No	No	Yes Y
North Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Ohio	Yes B, O, R	Yes B, O, R	Yes B, O, R	Yes B, O, R	No	Yes B, O, R
Oklahoma	No E	No E	No E	No E (certified)	No	No
Oregon	Yes R	Yes AA	Yes AA	Yes AA	No	Yes AA
Pennsylvania	Yes PP	PP	No	Yes PP	No	PP
Puerto Rico	No DD	No DD	No DD	No DD	No DD	No DD
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	MM	Yes	No	No
South Carolina	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V
South Dakota	Yes †	Yes †	No	Yes †	No	Yes
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Texas	Yes FF	Yes FF	Yes FF	Yes FF	No	Yes FF
Utah	No E	No E	No	No E	No	No E
Vermont	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Virginia	No GG	—	No	No GG	No	No GG
Washington	Yes	Yes	OO	Yes	No	Yes
West Virginia	JJ	JJ	JJ	JJ	JJ	JJ
Wisconsin	No	Yes KK	No	No	No	No
Wyoming	Yes	Yes A, LL	No	No	No	No

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25. Dispensing Authority (cont.)

State	OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	Optometrist	Naturopathic Doctor
Alabama	II	II	II	Z	No, †
Alaska	Yes A	Yes A	Yes A	Z	No DDD
Arizona	Yes	Yes	Yes	Z	Yes B
Arkansas	No	No	No	Z	No G
California	Yes TT	Yes TT	Yes TT	Z	Yes Y
Colorado	Yes L, V	Yes L, V	Yes L, V	Z	No G
Connecticut	Yes A	Yes A	Yes A	Z	Yes B
Delaware	Yes J	Yes J	Yes J	Z	No G
District of Columbia	No	No	No	Z	Yes P
Florida	No	No	No	Z	Yes
Georgia	Yes K	Yes K	Yes K	Z	No G
Guam	Yes S	Yes S	Yes S	Z	No G
Hawaii	No †	No †	No †	R, †	Yes I
Idaho	QQ	QQ	QQ	Z	No †
Illinois	Yes R	Yes R	Yes R	Z	No G
Indiana	Yes NN	Yes NN	Yes NN	Z	No G
Iowa	No N	No N	No N	Z	No G
Kansas	No	No	No	Z	Yes X
Kentucky	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	Z	No G
Louisiana	No	No	No	Z	No G
Maine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Z	Yes
Maryland	Yes O	Yes O	No	Z	No G
Massachusetts	Yes Q	Yes Q	Yes Q	Z	No G
Michigan	Yes RR	Yes RR	Yes RR	Z	No G
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Z	No
Mississippi	No	No	No	Z	No G
Missouri	Yes T	Yes T	Yes T	Z	No G
Montana	U	U	U	Z	U
Nebraska	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	Z	No G
Nevada	No	No	No	Z	No G
New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Z	Yes VV
New Jersey	—	—	—	Z	No G
New Mexico	Yes B	Yes B	Yes B	Z	No G
New York	Yes H	Yes H	Yes H	Z	No G, H
North Carolina	Yes Y	Yes Y	Yes Y	Z	No G
North Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Z	No G
Ohio	Yes B, O, R	Yes B, O, R	Yes B, O, R	Z	No G
Oklahoma	No	No	No	Z	No G
Oregon	Yes AA	Yes AA	Yes AA	Z	Yes
Pennsylvania	PP	PP	PP	Z	No G
Puerto Rico	No DD	No DD	No DD	No †	No DD
Rhode Island	No A	No A	No A	Z	No G
South Carolina	Yes V	Yes V	Yes V	Z	No G
South Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Z	No G
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Z	No G
Texas	Yes FF	Yes FF	Yes FF	Z	No G
Utah	No E	No E	No E	Z	No W
Vermont	Yes	Yes	Yes	Z	Yes B
Virginia	No GG	No GG	No GG	Z	No G
Washington	Yes	Yes	Yes	Z	Yes
West Virginia	JJ	JJ	JJ	Z	JJ
Wisconsin	No	No	No	Z	No G
Wyoming A	No	No	No	Z	No G

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- A — Any NP must be advanced to dispense. (WY – And certified.)
- B — Limited formulary.
- C — “Yes” if also an NP.
- D — With special permit only.
- E — Except may dispense samples.
- F — RN may dispense in clinic.
- G — Not licensed by this state.
- H — All prescribers are subject to restrictions on dispensing. Contact Board office.
- I — A law went into effect January 1, 2010, providing for a naturopathic formulary that may contain vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, hormones, and those legend drugs consistent with naturopathic medical practice.
- J — Only if approved by the Board of Medical Practice.
- K — Only in accordance with Pharmacy Board rules via a signed dispensing procedure and under the authority of a job description (PA) or a nurse protocol.
- L — All must have prescriptive authority from the Nursing Board.
- M — PAs may only “supply” drugs.
- N — However, “certified” CNS, “certified” CNM, and “certified” NPs (ARNP classifications) may do so.
- O — Under specified conditions, such as certain clinics.
- P — May dispense natural therapies, topical medicines.
- Q — A practitioner in Massachusetts may “dispense” as limited by provision in G.L.C.94 [Section 9 (a)(b)(c)(d)].
- R — May dispense only to his or her own patients. (IL – with delegated authority.)
- S — Based on national specialty scope of practice.
- T — Under authority of collaborative practice arrangement with doctor and limited to 120-hour supply.
- U — MCA 37-2-104. Dispensing of drugs by medical practitioners unlawful – exceptions. (1) Except as otherwise provided by this section, it is unlawful for a medical practitioner to engage, directly or indirectly, in the dispensing of drugs. (2) Nothing in this section prohibits: (a) a medical practitioner from furnishing a patient any drugs in an emergency; (b) the administration of a unit dose of a drug to a patient by or under the supervision of such medical practitioner; (c) dispensing a drug to a patient by a medical practitioner whenever there is no community pharmacy available to the patient; (d) the dispensing of drugs occasionally, but not as a usual course of doing business, by a medical practitioner; (e) a medical practitioner from dispensing drug samples.
- V — Professional samples only. (KY – non-controlled substances.)
- W — Unless unregulated naturopathic or homeopathic remedy.
- X — Per formulary.
- Y — Under rules of the Board of Pharmacy.
- Z — Optometrists authorized to prescribe drugs may dispense a drug at no charge to a patient in every state if the drug is within their scope of practice. In a limited number of states, optometrists also have authority to sell a drug or a specified drug to a patient. Check with the optometry board in a particular state for further information on the authority of an optometrist to dispense drugs for a fee.
- AA — Must have special authority from the Board of Nursing or must be working under the authority of the Board of Pharmacy through a licensed family planning clinic. Nurse midwives are nurse practitioners in Oregon.
- BB — May dispense drugs or devices that are the lawful property of the practitioner or a partnership or corporate entity which is fully owned by licensed practitioners. Drugs or medicine dispensed must comply with the labeling requirements of state and federal laws and regulations.
- CC — Limited to veterinary products.
- DD — Pharmacy Act allows only pharmacists to dispense prescriptions.
- EE — Except for veterinarians, dispensing is severely restricted. Contact the Board office.
- FF — PAs and registered nurses who have advanced training may dispense their supervising physician’s samples only. RNs must be recognized by the Nursing Board. PAs must be recognized by the Medical Board.
- GG — Except if allowed to prescribe, may dispense manufacturer’s samples only of those drugs authorized to prescribe.
- HH — Except for samples, must be licensed by Board of Pharmacy.
- II — To the extent these practitioners are recognized in this state, dispensing authority is regulated by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.
- JJ — State pharmacy law and Board regulations do not apply to these occupational groups. The Boards of Medicine, Osteopathy, Dental, Veterinarian, Registered Professional Nurses, and Optometry regulate these various occupational groups.
- KK — Restricted samples, unless the treatment facility at which the patient is treated is located at least 30 miles from the nearest pharmacy. APNPs have limited dispensing authority.
- LL — Only if certified.
- MM — If licensed to prescribe, may dispense only items on their protocol.
- NN — APNs presumably have dispensing authority, although it is not explicitly

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- authorized. The state does not necessarily recognize each listed nursing specialty.
- OO — No such designation in this state.
- PP — Limited, based on formulary and written agreement with supervising or collaborating physician.
- QQ — CNMs, CNSs, NPs, and registered nurse anesthetists may dispense.
- RR — Under delegation and restrictions apply.
- SS — Limited drugs.
- TT — PAs and all NPs may provide medication pursuant to a protocol with a prescriber if prepackaged by the manufacturer, physician, or pharmacist.
- UU — Only NPs, CNSs, nurse midwives, and nurse anesthetists who are licensed by the District of Columbia Board of Nursing as an ARNP have dispensing authority.
- VV — Limited to food, food extracts, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, digestive aids, whole gland thyroid, plant substances, all homeopathic preparations, topical medicines, and barrier devices for contraception.
- WW — Pursuant to a dispensing permit issued by the licensee's Board.
- XX — Samples and starter doses only.
- YY — Refer to Medical Board and Physician Assistant Board for statutes and rules.
- ZZ — Must be registered with the Board as a dispensing physician.
- AAA— May only dispense to veterinarian's own patients.
- BBB— As written in the delegation agreement that has been signed by both the physician assistant and the supervising physician(s).
- CCC— As delegated to do so by a dispensing physician.
- DDD— The Alaska Board of Pharmacy has no purview over ordering privileges for NDs.
- EEE — Consult the state podiatric medical board for specific regulations regarding podiatrists' authority to dispense drugs.
- FFF — All optometrists hold full prescriptive authority.