



August 23, 2024

The Honorable Ben Hansen
Health and Human Services Committee
Nebraska Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Chairman Hansen:

This letter is to address the question of how Nurse Practitioners are regulated in other states.

In Nebraska, this profession is regulated under the Advance Practiced Registered Nurse (APRN) Practice Act. However, Nebraska is the only state with a board specifically for APRN licensure. In other states, most APRNs are governed through a Board of Nursing, i.e. the same board that governs Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in the state. Information on nursing regulation in other states, territories, and countries can be found at www.ncsbn.org.

In Nebraska, APRN-NPs (Nurse Practitioners) have independent practice. In other states, the scope of practice can vary from practice without a supervising or collaborating physician, to restricted practice under the supervision of a physician for all APRN-NP practice. Generally, independent practice requires a certain level of experience working under a physician's supervision or additional training. In some states, APRN-NPs can perform some practice without physician supervision but are restricted from operating their own practices or prescribing certain types of medications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole M. Barrett".

Nicole M. Barrett
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