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STUDY AND REPORT ON THE STATUS OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS IN ARKANSAS AND OTHER STATES

Pursuant to Act 670 of 2023, the Arkansas Department of Health submits the following study regarding naturopathic physicians and the practice of naturopathic medicine.

The study indicated there are two national associations that work with Naturopathic Physicians. These are the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP) and the American Naturopathic Medical Association (ANMA). Both work with its members to advance the field of Naturopathy. Another organization, the Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities, connects regulatory authorities and promoting standards of excellence in the regulation of naturopathic medicine in North America.

When determining the number of individuals identified as engaging in the practice of naturopathic medicine in this state, both the AANP and ANMA identified 1,000 practitioners, however, none were listed as residing in Arkansas. Therefore, any information pertaining to Naturopathic Physicians located in Arkansas would require internet searches and other local research.

All information was taken directly from the respective state's website or from calls made to the agency. Information for the other states' grid that could not be determined was left blank.

STATES THAT REQUIRE LICENSURE OR REGISTRATION OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

State	Regulation Date	Type	Board/Committee	Composed of	Educ Reg	Exam Req	CME Req	Application Fee	Renewal Fee	Limitations of service	Recognized as Primary Care Providers	Prescribe	Can Prescribe Controlled Substances	Insurance	Medicaid
Alaska	1986	License	Board	Three naturopathic doctors, one pharmacist, and one public member	Graduate of naturopathy school. The school of naturopathy must require four years of attendance, leading to an N.D. degree, and be accredited or a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME).	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX), Part I and II		2,300.00		Cannot practice IV therapy	No	No	No	Yes	No
Arizona	1935	License	Board	Four naturopathic physicians and three public members	Graduate of an approved school of naturopathic medicine	Examination conducted by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners	30 hours annually	225.00	165.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Minors Only
California	2003	License	Board	Five professional naturopathic doctors, two physicians (MD/DO), two public members	Graduate of an accredited naturopathic school	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX)	60 hours biannually	1,000.00	1,000.00	Limitations on IV therapy	Yes	Limited	Limited	No	No
Colorado	2013	Registration	Advisory Committee	Three naturopathic doctors, three medical doctors (MD/DO), one pharmacist, two public members	Graduate of an approved naturopathic medical college or demonstrate completion of a four-year post-graduate level didactic and supervised clinical education program as a substitute for a baccalaureate degree	A director-approved examination or a comprehensive competency-based national naturopathic licensing examination administered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners or a nationally recognized, director-approved successor entity, as determined by the director by rule	25 annually	Unknown	Unknown	Cannot practice IV therapy	No	No	No	Yes	No
Connecticut	1920	License	Board	Two naturopathic physicians and one public member	Graduate from a school of naturopathy accredited by or in candidate status with the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX)	15 annually	565.00	570.00	Cannot practice IV therapy	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
District of Columbia	2004	License	Board	Ten licensed physicians in DC, four consumer members, and the Director of the Department of Health or his/her designee	Graduate from a school of naturopathy accredited by or in candidate status with the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) or any other accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX) or other examination approved by the Board of Medicine	30 hours biannually	85.00	145.00	Cannot practice gynecology or IV therapy	No	Yes	No	No	No
Hawaii	1925	License	Board	Three naturopathic doctors and two public members	Graduate from a school of naturopathy accredited by or in candidate status with a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education	NPLEX Part I and II and if the NPLEX was taken prior to August 2007, the examination on homeopathy	35 annually	268.00	190.00	Cannot order blood draws and limited on the practice IV therapy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Idaho	2019	License	Board	Three naturopathic doctors, one medical doctor, and one public member			48 annually	300.00	300.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Kansas	2003	License	Advisory Council	Three naturopathic doctors, one medical doctor, and one public member	Accredited program	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX), Part I and II	50 annually	165.00	125.00	Cannot practice IV therapy	No	No	No	No	No
Maine	1995	License	Board	Two acupuncturists, two naturopathic doctors, one midwife, one public member.	Graduation from an approved Naturopathic Medical College	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX)	25 annually	180.00	180.00	Limitations on ordering diagnostic imaging IV therapy	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Maryland	2014	License	Board	Sixteen physicians, five consumer members, one public member	Graduation from an approved Naturopathic Medical College	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX), Part I and II		790.00	512.00	Must have a collaboration agreement with a Maryland licensed physician	No	Yes	No	No	No
Massachusetts	2016	License	Board	Two naturopathic physicians, one medical physician, one clinical pharmacist, one public member	Graduate of one of four in-residence, doctoral-level naturopathic medical schools accredited by the U.S. Department of Education.	Offers licenses by examination, without examination	50 biannually	600.00	600.00	Cannot order diagnostic imaging or blood draws and cannot practice gynecology or IV therapy	No	No	No	No	No
Minnesota	2008	Registration	Advisory Council	Five naturopathic doctors, one medical doctor (MD/DO), and one public member	Verification of successful completion of an approved education program accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) or an equivalent organization	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX)	25 annually	350.00	150.00	Cannot order diagnostic imaging or blood draws and cannot practice gynecology or IV therapy	No	No	No	No	No
Montana	1991	License	Board	Two naturopathic physicians, two acupuncturist, two midwives, one physician member, one public member	Graduation from an approved naturopathic school which requires at a minimum a 4-year, full-time resident program of academic and clinical study.	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX), Part I and II	15 annually	300.00	200.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
New Hampshire	1994	License	Board	Four naturopathic doctors and one public member	Graduate from a school of naturopathy accredited by or in candidate status with the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX)	45 biannually	300.00	300.00		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No

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New Mexico	2019	License	Board	Six medical doctors, two osteopathic doctors, one physician assistant, two public members	Graduate from a school of naturopathy accredited by or in candidate status with the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX), Part I and II and NPLEX elective examination in minor surgery and pharmacology	75 triennially	320.00	320.00	Cannot practice gynecology	Yes	Yes	Limited	No	Yes
North Dakota	2011	License	Board	Nine medical doctors, one osteopathic doctor, two physician assistants, one naturopathic doctor and two public members	Graduate from a school of naturopathy accredited by or in candidate status with the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX), Part I and II	40 biannually	500.00	400.00	Cannot order blood draws or practice IV therapy	No	Yes	Limited	No	No
Oregon	1927	License	Board	Five naturopathic physicians and two public members	Passage of Oregon Jurisprudence Examination; within three (3) years of date of application	Submission of official NPLEX transcripts showing passage: Part I (Biomedical Science); Part II (Core Clinical Science), Part II (Clinical Elective Minor Surgery) and Part II (Clinical Elective Pharmacology) within seven (7) years of application.	32 annually	400.00	437.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
*Pennsylvania	2016	Registration		*As of April 2024, structure and rules are in the promulgation process	*As of April 2024, structure and rules are in the promulgation process	*As of April 2024, structure and rules are in the promulgation process	*As of April 2024, structure and rules are in the promulgation process	*As of April 2024, structure and rules are in the promulgation process	*As of April 2024, structure and rules are in the promulgation process	Cannot order labs, diagnostic imaging or blood draws and cannot practice gynecology or IV therapy	No	No	No	No	No
Rhode Island	2017	License	Board	Two licensed physicians, two naturopathic doctors, one public member	The degree of doctor of naturopathy from a board-approved naturopathic medical college and must include completion of at least twelve hundred (1,200) hours of board-approved clinical before graduation.	Passed a competency-based state or national naturopathic licensing examination the Department of Health deems necessary to test the applicant's knowledge and skills to practice naturopathic health care in Rhode Island, including but not limited to Part I (biomedical science examination) and Part II (clinical science examination) of the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examinations or successor.	30 biannually	310.00	310.00	Limitations on ordering diagnostic imaging, cannot order blood draws and cannot practice gynecology or IV therapy	No	No	No	No	No
Utah	1996	License	Board		Graduate from a school of naturopathy accredited by or in candidate status with the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX)	48 biannually	200.00	113.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Vermont	1995	License	Advisory	Two naturopathic physicians appointed by the Secretary of State to serve as advisors to the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation in matters relating to naturopathic physicians	Doctoral degree in naturopathic medicine from a program accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME), or a degree determined by the Director to be essentially equivalent and which meets educational standards essentially equivalent to those established by the CNME.	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX) and the Minor Surgery Clinical Elective Examination	30 biannually	650.00	525.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Washington	1919	License	Board	Five naturopathic physicians and two public members	Graduation from an approved naturopathic medical school	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX)	60 biannually	386.00	456.00		Yes	Yes	Limited	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin	2022	License	Board	Four licensed naturopathic doctors, one licensed physician, and two public members	Graduate from a school of naturopathy accredited by or in candidate status with the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)	Naturopathic Physician Licensing Examination (NPLEX), Part I and II and NPLEX elective examination in minor surgery and pharmacology	30 annually	Unknown	Unknown		Yes	No	No	No	No