

# FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY IN ALABAMA

## Who we are:

The Nurse Practitioner Alliance of Alabama (NPAA) is a state organization focusing on improving nurse practitioner practice for Alabama's 6000 NPs and health outcomes for all Alabamians

## What we do:

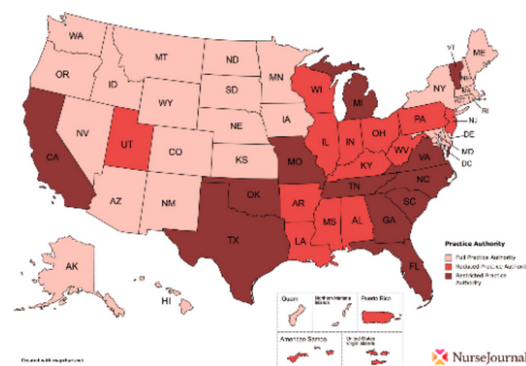
Working to remove barriers to nurse practitioner practice in Alabama through mobility, education, bill-writing work



We surveyed NPs from various specialties in October 2022 to gauge their thoughts on full practice authority in Alabama

## What is Full Practice Authority (FPA)?

- **Full Practice Authority:** 25 states
  - Perform the full scope of practice without a collaborating physician with a certain level of experience
  - NPs diagnose patients, order tests, prescribe medication, operate independent practices
- **Restricted Practice Authority:** 13 states -- (Alabama is one)
  - Perform some scope of practice without physician collaboration; state determines amount of physician collaboration
  - NPs can operating their own practices and prescribe certain types of medication
- **Reduced Practice Authority:** 12 states
  - Must work under physician supervision for entire scope of practice. NPs do not act as independent practitioners



<https://nursejournal.org/nurse-practitioner/np-practice-authority-by-state/>

## With FPA:

- NP's are regulated solely by the State Board of Nursing
- NP's would not need physician contracts to practice
- NPs can still have collaborative relationships with physicians. FPA simply allows for the option to operate independently

## FPA would not affect:

- Hospital bylaws (admissions)
- Other statutes including DNR's and controlled substances.
- Administering sports physicals, diabetics shoes, DME equipment, etc.



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