



Assuring Safe Naturopathic Medical Practices for Alaskans

Appendix D: States' Prescriptive Authority and Minor Surgery

Scope for Licensed Naturopathic Doctors

State	Rx Authority ¹	Controlled Substances Act Schedules ²					Minor Surgery
		I	II	III	IV	V	
Alaska	No						No
Arizona	Yes		X	X	X	X	Yes
California	Yes ³			X	X	X	Yes
Connecticut	No						Yes
Hawaii	No						No
Idaho	Yes						Yes
Kansas	Yes						No
Maine	Limited ⁴						Yes
Montana	Yes		X	X			Yes
New Hampshire	Limited						No
Oregon	Yes		X	X	X	X	Yes
Utah	Yes						Yes
Vermont	Limited ⁵			X	X		No
Washington DC	In Progress						In Progress
Washington State	Yes			X	X		Yes
Puerto Rico	No						No

¹ Prescriptive authority is the ability to prescribe controlled substances as identified in schedules I-IV of the Controlled Substance Act (21 USC, Sections 801-971). Maine's law refers to the "legend" and "non-legend" classifications of the official United States pharmacopoeia, rather than to the Controlled Substance Act. "Legend" drugs are those for which a prescription is required by federal law. In 2005, Washington State added some schedule 3-5 drugs to "legend" drugs that naturopathic doctors may prescribe.

² The schedules of the Controlled Substance Act are available on the US Drug Enforcement Agency's website at www.usdoj.gov/dea/pubs/scheduling.html.

³ Pursuant to California Code §3640.5, NDs may only prescribe controlled drugs under the supervision of a medical doctor.

⁴ In Maine, NDs are permitted to prescribe "non-controlled legend drugs" only after a twelve-month period of review by an allopathic physician. Such drugs may only be from the following categories: homeopathic remedies, vitamins and minerals, hormones, local anesthesia and immunizations that are designated by rule.

⁵ Vermont only allows NDs to prescribe only testosterone from schedule III and codeine from schedule IV.

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