



**FEDERATION OF
STATE MEDICAL BOARDS**

Pain Management Policies

Board-by-Board Overview

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AL	<p>Requirements for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain. Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-4-.08</p> <p>Standards for Pain Management Services. Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-19</p> <p>Policy on Data 2000: Guidelines for the Treatment of Opioid Addiction in the Medical Office. Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-21-.03</p> <p>Alabama Pain Management Act Ala. Code § 34-24-600 et seq.</p>	
AK	<p>Guidelines for Prescribing Controlled Substances Alaska State Medical Board, 2016</p> <p>Maximum Dosage for Opioid Prescriptions Alaska Stat. §§ 08.64.363 - .08.64.369</p>	
AZ-M	<p>Guidelines for Opioid Addiction Treatment in the Medical Office Arizona Medical Board, 2017</p> <p>Reference for Physicians on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain, in the Office Setting Arizona Medical Board, 2015</p>	<p>Clinical Guidelines & References - Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Arizona Dept. of Health Services, 2018</p>
AZ-O	<p>Guidelines: Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners, 2014</p>	<p>Clinical Guidelines & References - Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Arizona Dept. of Health Services, 2018</p>

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AR	<p>Regulation No. 2 Arkansas State Medical Board, 2018</p> <p>Regulation No. 19: Pain Management Programs. Arkansas State Medical Board, 2015</p> <p>Chronic Intractable Pain Treatment Act. Ark. Code Ann. § 17-95-701</p>	
CA	<p>Intractable Pain Treatment Act. CAL. BUS. & PROF. Code § 2241.5.</p> <p>Guidelines for Prescribing Controlled Substances for Pain Medical Board of California, 2014</p>	<p>In March 2016, the Board of Pharmacy adopted the CDC's <i>Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain</i>: http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/prescribing/resources.html</p> <p>“Prescription Medication Misuse and Overdose Prevention” Medical Board of California</p>
CA-O	Same as CA-M	
CO	<p>Policy 40-26: Guidelines for the Safe Prescribing and Dispensing Opioids Colorado Medical Board, Colorado Dental Board, State Board of Nursing, State Board of Optometry, Colorado Podiatry Board and State Board of Pharmacy, 2018</p> <p>Clinical Practice for Opioid Prescribing Senate Bill 18-022</p> <p>Controlled Substances Act Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-18-303</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 12-36-117</p>	
CT	<p>Statement on the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain Connecticut Medical Examining Board, 2005</p> <p>An Act Concerning the Prevention and Treatment of Opioid Dependency and Opioid Overdoses in the State Public Act 18-166</p>	
DE	Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain 24 DE Admin. Code 1700.18	Controlled Substance Advisory Committee, Division of Professional Regulation

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DC	Standards for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17 §4614 Model Policy on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain. D.C. Board of Medicine, 2017	
FL-M	Controlled Substance Prescribing Fla. Stat. § 456.44 Standards for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain. Fla. Admin. Code Ann. r. 64B8-9.013	Pain Management Clinics Application for Certificate of Exemption, Florida Department of Health
FL-O	Controlled Substance Prescribing Fla. Stat. § 456.44 Standards for the Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain Fla. Admin. Code Ann. r. 64B15-14.005	Pain Management Clinics Application for Certificate of Exemption, Florida Department of Health
GA	Pain Management Rule 360-3.06 Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain: Ten Steps Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2008	Pain Management Clinic License Forms, Georgia Composite Medical Board
HI	Pain Management Guidelines Hawaii Medical Board, 2006 Pain Patient's Bill of Rights Haw. Rev. Stats. § 327H-1 Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Haw. Rev. Stat. §329	The Hawaii Opioid Initiative
ID	Policy for the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain Idaho Board of Medicine, 2013 Model Policy on DATA 2000 and Treatment of Opioid Addiction in the Medical Office Idaho Board of Medicine	
IL	---	Opioids, Illinois Dept. of Public Health

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IN	<p>Rule for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain 844 IAC 5-6</p>	
IA	<p>Joint Statement on Pain by the Iowa Boards of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Physician Assistants, 2008</p> <p>Standards of practice-appropriate pain management Iowa Admin. Code r. 653-13.2(148,272C)</p> <p>Standards of Practice – interventional chronic pain management Iowa Admin. Code r. 653-13.9(147,148,272C)</p>	
KS	<p>Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 1998</p> <p>Guidelines for Opioid Addiction Treatment in the Medical Office Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 2002</p> <p>Joint Policy Statement of the Kansas Boards of Healing Arts, Nursing and Pharmacy on the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain, 2002</p> <p>Guidelines for Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain; written advisory opinions. KSA 65-2838</p> <p>Pain patient's quality of care act. KSA 65-4975</p>	
KY	<p>Professional Standards for Prescribing and Dispensing Controlled Substances 201 KAR 9:260</p> <p>Professional standards for prescribing or dispensing Buprenorphine Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone 201 KAR 9:270</p>	<p>Pain Management Facility Registration, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure</p> <p>Registration and Oversight of Pain Management Clinics 201 KAR 9:250</p>
LA	<p>Medications used in the Treatment of Non-Cancer-Related Chronic or Intractable Pain. La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 6915</p>	<p>“Policy: Interventional Pain Management Procedures Are Not Delegable,” Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners</p>

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ME-M	<p>Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain. Code Me. R. 02-373, Ch. 21.</p> <p>Rules Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and Prescription of Opioid Medications Code Me. R. 14-118, Ch. 11</p>	<p>Opioid Prescription Requirements Guide, Maine Board of Licensure and Medicine</p>
ME-O	<p>Same as ME-M</p>	
MD	<p>Board Guidance for the Opioid Epidemic Maryland Board of Physicians</p>	<p>Before It's Too Late, Maryland.gov</p>
MA	<p>Policy 15-05: The Prescribing Practices Policy and Guidelines Mass. Board of Regulation in Medicine, 2015</p> <p>Policy 15-05 Amendment: The Prescribing Practices Policy and Guidelines Mass. Board of Registration in Medicine, 2017</p> <p>Policy 03-06: Internet Prescribing Mass. Board of Registration in Medicine, 2003</p> <p>Prerequisites for issuing outpatient extended-release long-acting opioid in a non-abuse deterring form; written pain management treatment plan for long-term pain management. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 94C, § 18A</p>	<p>Policy on the Management of Pain, Board of Registration of Physician Assistants, 2017</p>
MI-M	<p>Acute Care Opioid Treatment and Prescribing Recommendations, Surgical Department Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission</p> <p>Acute Care Opioid Treatment and Prescribing Recommendations, Emergency Department Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission</p> <p>Michigan Opioid Laws: Overview Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, 2019</p>	<p>Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission</p>
MI-O	<p>Same as MI-M</p>	

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MN	<p>Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Minnesota Department of Human Services and Minnesota Department of Health, 2018</p> <p>Guidelines for the use of controlled substances. http://mn.gov/health-licensing-boards/medical-practice/licensees/practice/pain-mgmt-guidelines.jsp</p> <p>Joint Statement on the Prescribing of Opioid Antagonists Minnesota Boards of Medical Practice, Nursing, and Pharmacy</p>	<p>Intractable Pain Treatment Act. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 152.125. https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/152.125</p>
MS	<p>Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, Administrative Code, Title 30, Part 2640</p> <p>Prescriptions Miss. Code Ann. § 41-29-137</p>	
MO	<p>Intractable Pain Treatment Act Mo. Ann. Stat. § 334.105-107</p> <p><i>Controlled Substances Guidelines for Missouri Practitioners</i> Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services</p>	<p>State of Missouri Opioid Crisis Response</p>
MT	---	<p>Opioid Overdose Prevention, Montana Department of Health and Human Services</p>
NE	<p>Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain Nebraska Board of Medicine & Surgery, 2016</p> <p>Prescribing of Controlled Substances LB 931 (2018)</p>	<p>Drug Overdose Prevention and Pain Management, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Nebraska Pain Management Guidance Document version 4.0, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services</p>
NV-M	<p>Controlled Substance Prescribing Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners</p> <p>Adoption by reference of Model Policy for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain. Nev. Admin. Code § 630.187</p>	
NV-O	<p>Prescribing or administering certain drugs or controlled substances or engaging in activity relating to medical use of marijuana not grounds for disciplinary action under certain circumstances Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 633.521</p>	

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NH	<p>Opioid Prescribing Med Rule 502</p> <p>Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances in the Management of Chronic Pain New Hampshire Board of Medicine</p> <p>Statement on the Prescribing of Naloxone New Hampshire Board of Medicine</p>	<p>Information on Prescribing Opioids for Pain Management, New Hampshire Board of Medicine</p>
NJ	<p>Limitations on prescribing, administering or dispensing of controlled substances; special exceptions for management of pain N.J. Admin. Code 13:35-7.6</p> <p>Pain management procedures. N.J. Admin. Code 8:43E-6.1 et seq.</p>	<p>Prescribing for Pain, New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs</p>
NM	<p>New Mexico Pain Relief Act N.M.S.A. 1978, § 24-2D-1</p> <p>Prescribing and Distribution of Controlled Substances N.M. Code R. § 16.17.5</p> <p>Joint Statement on the Management of Chronic Pain</p>	
NY	<p>Mandatory Electronic Prescribing N.Y. Public Health Law § 281</p>	
NC	<p>The Stop Act of 2017 Session Law 2017-74</p> <p>Policy for the Use of Opioids for the Treatment of Pain North Carolina Medical Board, 2017</p> <p>Joint Statement on Pain Management and End-of-Life Care North Carolina Medical, Nursing, and Pharmacy Boards, 2014</p>	<p>Understanding the STOP Act, North Carolina Medical Board</p> <p>NCBM on Opioid Prescribing, North Carolina Medical Board</p>
ND	<p>Controlled Substances for Care and Treatment. N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 19-03.3-01 et seq. https://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t19c03-3.pdf</p> <p>North Dakota Tri-Regulator Position Statement on Opioid Prescribing/Dispensing North Dakota Board of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, 2018</p>	

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OH	<p>Prescribing of Opiate Analgesics for Acute Pain. Ohio Admin. Code § 4731-11-13</p> <p>Administrative rules for management of chronic pain with controlled substances Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4731.052</p> <p>Conditions for prescribing opioid analgesics or benzodiazepine drugs; adoption of rules regarding review drug database Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4731.055</p> <p>Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for the Treatment of Chronic, Non-Terminal Pain 80 mg of a Morphine Equivalent Daily Dose (MED) “Trigger Point.” State Medical Board of Ohio, 2013</p> <p>Guidelines for Emergency and Acute Care Facility Opioid and Other Controlled Substances (OOCs) Prescribing State Medical Board of Ohio, 2014</p> <p>Guideline for the Management of Acute Pain Outside of Emergency Departments State Medical Board of Ohio, 2016</p>	<p>Take Charge Ohio, Ohio Department of Health in 2017</p>
OK-M	<p>Regulation of Opioid Drugs Senate Bill 1446 (2018)</p> <p>Treatment of Pain Relief Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 2-551</p> <p>Oklahoma Interventional Pain Management License Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 59, § 650</p> <p>Use of controlled substances for the management of chronic pain Okla. Admin. Code 435:10-7-11</p> <p>Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 2017</p> <p>Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 2005</p>	<p>New Opioid Law: What Physicians Need to Know, Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision</p>

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OK-O	<p>Regulation of Opioid Drugs Senate Bill 1446 (2018)</p> <p>Prescribing for Chronic Pain. Okla. Admin. Code 510:5-9-1 et seq.</p> <p>Oklahoma Interventional Pain Management License Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 59, § 650</p> <p>Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Oklahoma Health Care Providers in the Office-Based Setting Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners</p>	
OR	<p>Statement of Philosophy Pain Management Oregon Medical Board, 2016</p> <p>Administration of controlled substances for pain Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 677.474</p>	<p>Oregon Pain Management Commission</p> <p>Oregon Pain Guidance, State of Oregon</p>
PA-M	<p>Prescribing Guidelines: Treating Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2018</p> <p>Prescribing Guidelines: The Safe Prescribing of Opioids in Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2018</p> <p>Prescribing Guidelines: Emergency Department Pain Treatment Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2014</p> <p>Prescribing Guidelines: Geriatric Pain Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2016</p> <p>Prescribing Guidelines: Obstetrics & Gynecology Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2018</p> <p>Prescribing Guidelines: Safe Prescribing of Opioids in Pediatric and Adolescent Populations Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2017</p> <p>Prescribing, administering and dispensing 49 Pa. Code § 16.92</p> <p>Professional prescription, administration, and dispensing. 35 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 780-111</p>	

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PA-O	Same as PA-M	
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RI	<p>Pain Management, Opioid Use and the Registration of Distributors of Controlled Substances in Rhode Island 216 R.I. Code R. § 20-20-4</p> <p>Rules and Regulations Related to Pain Assessment R.I. Code R. 31 1 13</p> <p>Intractable Pain Treatment R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. §5-37.4</p> <p>Pain Assessment Act R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 5-37.6</p>	Safe Opioid Prescribing, Department of Health
SC	<p>Joint Pain Management Guidelines South Carolina Boards of Dentistry, Medical Examiners, Nursing, and Pharmacy, 2017</p>	
SD	<p>Standards for medical records when prescribing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic, non-cancer pain S.D. Admin. R. 20:47:07:01</p>	
TN	<p>Practice Guidelines for Outpatient Management of Chronic Non-Malignant Pain Tennessee Department of Health, 2017</p> <p>Policy Statement: Office-Based Treatment of Opioid Addiction Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners, 2012</p> <p>Interventional Pain Management Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-244</p>	
TN-O	<p>Practice Guidelines for Outpatient Management of Chronic Non-Malignant Pain Tennessee Department of Health, 2017</p> <p>Interventional Pain Management Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-9-121</p>	

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TX	<p>Intractable Pain Treatment Act Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 107</p> <p>Pain Management 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 170</p> <p>Pain Management Clinics 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 195</p>	<p>On August 29, 2001, the Pharmacy Board issued the position statement: <i>Position Statement on the Treatment of Pain:</i> https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/files_pdf/Pain_Policy.PDF</p> <p>Texas Pain Society website: https://www.texaspain.org/</p>
UT-M	<p>FSMB Model Policy on the Use of Opioid Analgesics.</p> <p>Utah Clinical Guidelines on Prescribing Opioids for Treatment of Pain Utah Department of Health, 2018</p> <p>Electronic Prescribing Act Rule Utah Admin. Code r. 156-82</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Utah Admin. Code r. R156-1-502</p> <p>Duty to establish program to reduce deaths and other harm from prescription opiates used for chronic noncancer pain Utah Code Ann. § 26-1-36</p>	
UT-O	Same as UT-M	
VT-M	<p>Patient's Bill of Rights for Palliative Care and Pain Management. Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 18, § 1871</p> <p>Prescribing of Opioids for Pain CVR 13-140-076</p> <p>Policy on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain Vermont Board of Medicine, 2014</p> <p>Policy on DATA 2000 and Treatment of Opioid Addiction in the Medical Office Vermont Board of Medicine, 2014</p>	
VT-O	Prescribing of Opioids for Pain CVR 13-140-076	
VA	Regulations Governing Prescribing of Opioids and Buprenorphine 18 VAC 85-21-10, et seq.	Curb the Crisis, Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse in Virginia

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WA-M	Opioid Prescribing Wash. Admin. Code 246-919-850 through 246-919-985	Interagency Guidelines, Washington State Agency Medical Directors' Group Pain Management Resources, Washington Medical Commission
WA-O	Opioid Prescribing Wash. Admin. Code 246-853-660 through 246-853-790	Interagency Guidelines, Washington State Agency Medical Directors' Group
WV-M	Management of Intractable Pain W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-3A-1, et seq. Chronic Pain Clinic Licensing Act W. Va. Code Ann. §16-5H-1, et seq. Guidelines for the Chronic Use of Opioid Analgesics in Patient Care West Virginia Board of Medicine, 2017 Treatment of Opioid Addiction Within the Medical Office West Virginia Board of Medicine, 2016 Position Statement: Pain Management at the End of Life West Virginia Board of Medicine, 2010	
WV-O	Management of Intractable Pain W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-3A-1, et seq. Chronic Pain Clinic Licensing Act W. Va. Code Ann. §16-5H-1, et seq. Position Statement: Pain Management at the End of Life West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 2010	
WI	Opioid Prescribing Guideline Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, 2018	Opioids: Prescribers, Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services
WY	Policy Statement on Pain Management Wyoming Medical Board, 2009	Chronic Pain Management Toolkit, Wyoming Rx Abuse Stakeholders

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