



Pain Management Policies
Board-by-Board Overview

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AL	Requirements for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain. Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-4-.08 Standards for Pain Management Services. Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-19 Policy on Data 2000: Guidelines for the Treatment of Opioid Addiction in the Medical Office. Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-21-.03 Alabama Pain Management Act Ala. Code § 34-24-600 et seq.	Pain Management FAQ Alabama Board of Medical Examiners Prescribing Issues Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
AK	Guidelines for Prescribing Controlled Substances Alaska State Medical Board, 2016 Maximum Dosage for Opioid Prescriptions Alaska Stat. §§ 08.64.363 - .08.64.369	“Opioids in Alaska” Alaska Department of Health, Division of Public Health
AZ-M	Guidelines for Opioid Addiction Treatment in the Medical Office Arizona Medical Board, 2017 Reference for Physicians on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain, in the Office Setting Arizona Medical Board, 2015	Clinical Guidelines & References - Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Arizona Dept. of Health Services, 2018
AZ-O	Guidelines: Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners, 2014	Clinical Guidelines & References - Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Arizona Dept. of Health Services, 2018
AR	Rule No. 2 Arkansas State Medical Board, 2018 Rule No. 12: Approval to Dispense: Legend Drugs Arkansas State Medical Board, 2022	

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	<p>Rule 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-M	<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>“Prescription Medication Misuse and Overdose Prevention” Medical Board of California</p> <p>“Clinical Resources: Pain Management” California Correctional Health Care Services</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> <p>Prevention of Substance Use Disorders HB 21-1276</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 §4616 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 R. 64B8-9.013 Pain Management Clinics Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B-7	Pain Management Clinics Application for Certificate of Exemption, Florida Department of Health Non-Opioid Pain Management 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 R. 64B15-14.005 Pain Management Clinics Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B-7	Pain Management Clinics Application for Certificate of Exemption, Florida Department of Health Non-Opioid Pain Management 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	Guidelines for the Chronic Use of Opioid Analgesics Idaho Board of Medicine, 2017	

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	Model Policy on DATA 2000 and Treatment of Opioid Addiction in the Medical Office Idaho Board of Medicine	
IL	Alternative to Opioids Act of 2018 Public Act 100-1114	Opioids, Illinois Dept. of Public Health Opioid Alternative Pilot Program Illinois Dept. of Public Health, 2018
IN	Rule for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain 844 IAC 5-6	
IA	Standards of practice-appropriate pain management Iowa Admin. Code r. 653-13.2(148,272C) Standards of Practice – interventional chronic pain management Iowa Admin. Code r. 653-13.9(147,148,272C)	Sample Pain Management Agreement Iowa Board of Medicine, 2012
KS	Guidelines for Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain; written advisory opinions. KSA 65-2838 Pain patient's quality of care act. KSA 65-4975	
KY	Professional Standards for Prescribing and Dispensing Controlled Substances 201 KAR 9:260 Professional standards for prescribing or dispensing Buprenorphine Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone 201 KAR 9:270 Monitoring system for prescription-controlled substances 902 KAR 55:110	Pain Management Facility Registration, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Registration and Oversight of Pain Management Clinics 201 KAR 9:250
LA	Medications used in the Treatment of Non-Cancer-Related Chronic or Intractable Pain. La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 6915	Frequently Asked Questions about Opioid Prescribing Louisiana Department of Health, 2017
ME-M	Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain. Code Me. R. 02-373, Ch. 21. Rules Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and Prescription of Opioid Medications Code Me. R. 14-118, Ch. 11	Opioid Prescription Requirements Guide, Maine Board of Licensure and Medicine

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ME-O	Same as ME-M	
MD	Board Guidance for the Opioid Epidemic Maryland Board of Physicians	Before It's Too Late, Maryland.gov
MA	Policy 15-05: The Prescribing Practices Policy and Guidelines Mass. Board of Regulation in Medicine, 2015 Policy 15-05 Amendment: The Prescribing Practices Policy and Guidelines Mass. Board of Registration in Medicine, 2017 Policy 03-06: Internet Prescribing Mass. Board of Registration in Medicine, 2003 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	Pain Management Task Force Report on Best Practices for Treatment of Pain Board of Registration of Physician Assistants, 2019
MI-M	Acute Care Opioid Treatment and Prescribing Recommendations, Surgical Department Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission Acute Care Opioid Treatment and Prescribing Recommendations, Emergency Department Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission Michigan Opioid Laws: Overview Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, 2019	Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission
MI-O	Same as MI-M	
MN	Prescriptions Minn. Stat. Ann. § 152.11 Intractable Pain Treatment Act. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 152.125. Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Minnesota Department of Human Services and Minnesota Department of Health, 2018 Guidelines for the use of controlled substances. Minnesota Board of Medical Practice	

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	<p>Joint Statement on the Prescribing of Opioid Antagonists Minnesota Boards of Medical Practice, Nursing, and Pharmacy</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> <p>Prescribing Regulations Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure</p>	
MO	<p>Intractable Pain Treatment Act Mo. Ann. Stat. § 334.105-107</p> <p>Prescribing and Dispensing of Drugs MCA 37-2-101</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> <p>New Complementary Health and Alternative Therapies for Chronic Pain Management Missouri Department of Social Services</p>
MT	---	<p>Opioids 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, 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>Opioid Prescribing, New Hampshire Board of Medicine</p> <p>Sample Checklist for the Prescribing of Opioids for the Management or Treatment of Pain</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>Limitations on Prescribing, Administering, or Dispensing of Controlled Dangerous Substances, and Special Requirements for Management of Acute and Chronic Pain: Physicians, Podiatrists, Physician Assistants, and Certified Nurse Midwives 54 N.J.R. 333(a)</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>	

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	<p>North Dakota Tri-Regulator Position Statement on Opioid Prescribing/Dispensing North Dakota Board of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, 2018</p>	
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>Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services</p> <p>Pain Management Clinics State Medical Board of Ohio</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</p> <p>Compliance and Best Practice for an Act Regulating the Use of Opioid Drugs: OK Senate Bills 1446 & 848 Oklahoma Medical Board, 2019</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> <p>Pain Management Program Oklahoma Health Care Authority</p> <p>Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Oklahoma State Department of Health</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>	<p>Pain Management Program Oklahoma Health Care Authority</p> <p>Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Oklahoma State Department of Health</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>	<p>Opioid Awareness Pennsylvania Dept. of Health</p>

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PA-O	Same as PA-M	Opioid Awareness Pennsylvania Dept. of Health
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RI	Pain Management, Opioid Use and the Registration of Distributors of Controlled Substances in Rhode Island 216 R.I. Code R. § 20-20-4 Rules and Regulations Related to Pain Assessment R.I. Code R. 31 1 13 Intractable Pain Treatment R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. §5-37.4 Pain Assessment Act R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 5-37.6	Safe Opioid Prescribing, Department of Health
SC	Joint Pain Management Guidelines South Carolina Boards of Dentistry, Medical Examiners, Nursing, and Pharmacy, 2017	
SD	Standards for medical records when prescribing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic, non-cancer pain S.D. Admin. R. 20:47:07:01	
TN	Practice Guidelines for Outpatient Management of Chronic Non-Malignant Pain Tennessee Department of Health, 2017 Policy Statement: Office-Based Treatment of Opioid Addiction Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners, 2012 Interventional Pain Management Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-244	
TN-O	Practice Guidelines for Outpatient Management of Chronic Non-Malignant Pain Tennessee Department of Health, 2017 Interventional Pain Management Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-9-121	
TX	Intractable Pain Treatment Act Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 107 Pain Management 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 170	Texas Pain Society Pain Management Texas Dept. of Health and Human Services

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	Pain Management Clinics 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 195	
UT-M	FSMB Model Policy on the Use of Opioid Analgesics. Utah Clinical Guidelines on Prescribing Opioids for Treatment of Pain Utah Department of Health, 2018 Electronic Prescribing Act Rule Utah Admin. Code r. 156-82 Unprofessional Conduct Utah Admin. Code r. R156-1-502 Duty to establish program to reduce deaths and other harm from prescription opiates used for chronic noncancer pain Utah Code Ann. § 26-1-36	
UT-O	Same as UT-M	
VT-M	Patient's Bill of Rights for Palliative Care and Pain Management. Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 18, § 1871 Prescribing of Opioids for Pain CVR 13-140-076 Policy on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain Vermont Board of Medicine, 2014 Policy on DATA 2000 and Treatment of Opioid Addiction in the Medical Office Vermont Board of Medicine, 2014	
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. Evaluation of the Chronic Pain Patient 18 VAC 90-40-180	Curb the Crisis, Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse in Virginia Pain Management Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities Joint Commission on Health Care, 2007
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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

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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, 2022 Pain Clinics: Rules and Regulations Wisconsin Stat. § 50.60	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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