

# Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

## Certified Nurse Practitioner Fact Sheet

- Once certified, the CRNP must apply to the Nursing Board for prescribing authority.
- The CRNP must have collaborative agreement with a physician licensed in the Commonwealth.
- According to CRNP prescribing parameters defined in PA code, Title 49, Chapter 21, Subchapter C, 21.284 – the CRNP is limited to prescribing drugs in the listed categories and also within the scope of their practice as defined in collaborative agreement. The CRNP may only prescribe for FDA approved uses of the medications without the approval of the collaborating physician.
- If authorized in the collaborative agreement, the CRNP may prescribe from the following categories:
  1. Antihistamines
  2. Anti-infective agents
  3. Antineoplastics, unclassified agents, devices and pharmaceutical aids IF originally prescribed and approved by collaborating physician.
  4. Autonomic drugs
  5. Blood formation, coagulation, anticoagulation, thrombolytics and antithrombolytics
  6. Cardiovascular drugs
  7. CNS agents EXCEPT:
    - a) General anesthetics
    - b) MAO Inhibitors
  8. Contraceptives (includes foams and devices)
  9. Diagnostic agents
  10. Disinfectants for agents used on objects other than skin
  11. Electrolytic, caloric and water balance
  12. Enzymes
  13. Antitussive, expectorants and mucolytic agents
  14. Gastrointestinal drugs
  15. Local anesthetics
  16. Eye, ear, nose and throat preparations
  17. Serums, toxoids and vaccines
  18. Skin and mucous membrane agents
  19. Smooth muscle relaxants
  20. Hormones and synthetic substitutes
  21. Vitamins
  22. Order DME
- The collaborative agreement cannot extend the parameters of the regulations.
- CRNP's may NOT prescribe the following categories:
  1. Gold compounds
  2. Heavy metal antagonists
  3. Radioactive agents
  4. Oxytocics
- The CRNP must register with the DEA and receive an identifying DEA number to prescribe scheduled drugs. They may NOT use another prescriber's DEA number. Not all CRNPs may have a DEA number.
- If authorized in the collaborative agreement, the CRNP may prescribe a maximum 30 day supply of a schedule II or a maximum 90 day supply of other scheduled products. This means re-orders performed by the CRNP that contain controlled substances are limited to either 30 days for C II's and 90 days for CIII-IV's without collaborating physicians co-signature.
- The collaborative agreement must be made readily available to the pharmacist upon request per PA code, Title 49, Chapter 18, Subchapter C, 18.55.8.
- The CRNP must register with the Medicaid program. (They do not have to register with PACE.) Private insurers policies may vary.
- The CRNP's prescription blank must include the name, title, and Pennsylvania CRNP certification number of the CRNP. When appropriate, the CRNP's National Provider identifier (NPI) number, and DEA number must appear on the prescription.
- Prescriptive authority can be verified at [www.dos.state.pa.us/](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/) or call State Board of Nursing at 717-783-7142.

### Physician Assistant's prescribing authority differs from the CRNP's.

Reference: Pennsylvania Code, Title 49, Chapter 18, Subchapter C. State Board of Medicine

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter18/subchapCtoc.html>

and Title 49, Chapter 21, Subchapter C – State Board of Nursing

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – CRNP Q & A:

[http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/lib/bpoa/20/nurs\\_board/faqs\\_crnp\\_prescriptive\\_auth.pdf](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/lib/bpoa/20/nurs_board/faqs_crnp_prescriptive_auth.pdf)