

Scope of Practice: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Can Prescribe or Administer Controlled Substance

Utah Code Ann. 58-31b-803(3)

An advanced practice registered nurse who initially and periodically checks information about a patient on the Utah Controlled Substance Database and who follows health care provider prescribing guidelines can prescribe or administer narcotic drugs to that patient if they have either been licensed for two years as an advanced practice registered nurse or have 2,000 hours of experience practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse.

Prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses ? Schedule II controlled substance or device ? Workers? compensation ? Pain clinics

(3) Except as provided by Subsection 58-31b-502(18), an advanced practice registered nurse may prescribe or administer a Schedule II controlled substance without a consultation and referral plan if the advanced practice registered nurse:

(a) has the lesser of:

- (i) two years of licensure as a nurse practicing advanced practice registered nursing; or
- (ii) 2,000 hours of experience practicing advanced practice registered nursing;

(b)

(i) prior to the first time prescribing or administering a Schedule III controlled substance for chronic pain, or a Schedule II controlled substance to a particular patient, unless treating the patient in a licensed general acute hospital, checks information about the patient in the Controlled Substance Database created in Section 58-37f-201;

and

(ii) periodically, thereafter, checks information about the patient in the Controlled Substance Database created in Section 58-37f-201; and

(c) follows the health care provider prescribing guidelines for the treatment of an injured worker, developed by the Labor Commission under Title 34A, Chapter 2, Workers' Compensation Act, or Title 34A, Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act, if:

(i) the patient is an injured worker; and

(ii) the Schedule II or III controlled substance is prescribed for chronic pain.