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State law chart: Naturopath licensure and scope of practice

Licensure

Currently, 18 states¹ and the District of Columbia have licensing or regulation laws for naturopaths. In these states, naturopathic doctors are required to graduate from an accredited four-year residential naturopathic medical school and pass a postdoctoral board examination (NPLEX) in order to receive a license. Licensed naturopathic physicians must fulfill state-mandated continuing education requirements annually, and will have a specific scope of practice defined by their state's law. The states that currently have licensing laws for naturopathic physicians are:

¹ Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, and Washington.



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State	Definition of Naturopathy	Rx Authority	Surgical Authority	Authority to Order Tests	Use of term "physician"
Alabama	Not licensed				
Alaska	The use of hydrotherapy, dietetics, electrotherapy, sanitation, suggestion, mechanical and manual manipulation for the stimulation of physiological and psychological action to establish a normal condition of mind and body; in this paragraph, "dietetics" includes herbal and homeopathic remedies. A.S. § 08.45.200	No. A person who practices naturopathy may not (1) give, prescribe, or recommend in the practice (A) a prescription drug, except as provided in (b) of this section; (B) a controlled substance; (C) a poison; (2) engage in surgery; (3) use the word "physician" in the person's title. (b) Notwithstanding (a)(1)(A) of this section, a person who practices naturopathy may give, prescribe, or recommend in the practice a device or homeopathic remedy. A.S. § 08.45.050	Prohibited. A.S. § 08.45.050.	Silent	No. Use of the term "physician" is expressly prohibited. A.S. § 45.08.45.050 See also disclosure/transparency requirements at A.S. § 12 AAC 42.900.
Arizona	A medical system of diagnosing and treating diseases, injuries, ailments, infirmities and other conditions of the human mind and body including by natural means, drugless methods, drugs, nonsurgical methods, devices, physical, electrical, hygienic and sanitary measures and all forms of physical agents and modalities. A.R.S. § 32-1501	Yes. A doctor of naturopathy may dispense a natural substance, drug, or device to a patient... A.R.S. § 32-1581 A "natural substance" is a homeopathic, botanical, or nutritional supplement that does not require a prescription by federal law before it is dispensed	Silent	Silent	Yes. A.R.S. §32-1501.26.

		but is prescribed to treat a medical condition diagnosed by the doctor. A.R.S. § 32-1581(H)(3)			
Arkansas	Not licensed				
California	A noninvasive system of health practice that employs natural health modalities, substances, and education to promote health. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code, Ch. 8.2 § 3640(d)	A naturopathic doctor may dispense, administer, order, and prescribe or perform the following: (1) Food, extracts of food, nutraceuticals, vitamins, amino acids, minerals, enzymes, botanicals and their extracts, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, all dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs as defined by the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, consistent with the routes of administration identified in subdivision (d). (2) Hot or cold hydrotherapy; naturopathic physical medicine inclusive of the manual use of massage, stretching, resistance, or joint play examination but exclusive of small amplitude movement at or beyond the end range of normal joint motion; electromagnetic energy; colon hydrotherapy; and therapeutic exercise. (3) Devices, including, but not limited to, therapeutic	(5) Repair and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions, except suturing. (6) Removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial tissues. (d) A naturopathic doctor may utilize routes of administration that include oral, nasal, auricular, ocular, rectal, vaginal, transdermal, intradermal, subcutaneous, intravenous, and intramuscular.	A naturopathic doctor may order and perform physical and laboratory examinations for diagnostic purposes, including, but not limited to, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory tests, speculum examinations, orificial examinations, and physiological function tests. A naturopathic doctor may order diagnostic imaging studies, including X-ray, ultrasound, mammogram, bone densitometry, and others, consistent with naturopathic training as determined by the bureau, but shall refer the studies to an appropriately licensed health care professional to conduct the study and interpret the results. A licensee of the Committee may order and perform the following functions: (1) Those functions expressly specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 3640 of the Code. (2) The independent prescription and administration of	No. Use of the term "physician" is prohibited. (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code, Ch. 8.2 § 3661). "...shall not use any term or designation that would tend to indicate the practice of medicine, other than naturopathic medicine, unless otherwise licensed as a physician and surgeon, osteopathic doctor, or doctor of chiropractic." This section also contains disclosure requirements.

		devices, barrier contraception, and durable medical equipment. Health education and health counseling. Repair and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions, except suturing. (4) Health education and health counseling. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code, Ch. 8.2 § 3640 (c)		epinephrine to treat anaphylaxis, as specified in Section 3640.7 of the Code. (3) The independent prescription of natural and synthetic hormones, as specified in Section 3640.7 of the Code. § 4234. Naturopathic Medical Services Performable.	
Colorado	<p>(12) (a) "Naturopathic medicine", as performed by a naturopathic doctor, means a system of health care for the prevention, diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of injuries, diseases, and conditions of the human body through the use of education, nutrition, naturopathic preparations, natural medicines and other therapies, and other modalities that are designed to support or supplement the human body's own natural self-healing processes.</p> <p>(b) "Naturopathic medicine" includes naturopathic physical medicine, which consists of naturopathic manual therapy, the therapeutic use of the physical agents of air, water, heat, cold, sound, light, touch, and electromagnetic nonionizing radiation, and the physical modalities of electrotherapy, diathermy, ultraviolet light, ultrasound, hydrotherapy, and exercise. (§ 12-37.3-101 (2013))</p> <p>(1) The practice of naturopathic medicine by a naturopathic doctor includes the following:</p> <p>(a) The prevention and treatment of human injury, disease, or conditions through education or dietary or nutritional advice, and the promotion of healthy ways of living;</p> <p>(b) The use of physical examinations and the ordering of clinical, laboratory, and radiological diagnostic procedures from licensed or certified health care facilities or laboratories</p>	<p>(c) DISPENSING, ADMINISTERING, ORDERING, AND PRESCRIBING MEDICINES LISTED IN THE NATUROPATHIC FORMULARY, INCLUDING: (I) EPINEPHRINE TO TREAT ANAPHYLAXIS; AND (II) BARRIER CONTRACEPTIVES, EXCLUDING INTRAUTERINE DEVICES</p> <p>(2) A naturopathic doctor shall not:</p> <p>(a) Prescribe, dispense, administer, or inject a controlled substance or device identified in the federal "Controlled Substances Act", 21 U.S.C. sec. 801 et seq.,</p>	<p>(2) A naturopathic doctor shall not:</p> <p>(b) Perform surgical procedures, including surgical procedures using a laser device;</p> <p>(c) Use general or spinal anesthetics, other than topical anesthetics;</p> <p>(d) Administer ionizing radioactive substances for therapeutic purposes;</p> <p>(8) "Minor office procedures" means:</p> <p>(a) The repair, care, and suturing of superficial lacerations and abrasions;</p> <p>(b) The removal of foreign bodies located in superficial tissue, excluding the ear or eye; and</p> <p>(c) The use of antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection with a procedure described in</p>	<p>The practice of naturopathic medicine by a naturopathic doctor includes: (b) THE USE OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND THE ORDERING OF CLINICAL, LABORATORY, AND RADIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES FROM LICENSED OR CERTIFIED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES OR LABORATORIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIAGNOSING AND EVALUATING INJURIES, DISEASES, AND CONDITIONS IN THE HUMAN BODY;</p>	<p>(3) A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR SHALL NOT USE:</p> <p>(a) THE TERM "PHYSICIAN";</p> <p>(b) THE ABBREVIATIONS "NMD" OR "N.M.D.";</p> <p>(c) THE TERM "NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL DOCTOR".</p> <p>(H.B. 1111, 69th Leg., Reg. Sess. (Co. 2013)).</p>

	<p>for the purpose of diagnosing and evaluating injuries, diseases, and conditions in the human body;</p> <p>(c) Dispensing, administering, ordering, and prescribing medicines listed in the naturopathic formulary, including:</p> <p>(I) Epinephrine to treat anaphylaxis; and</p> <p>(II) Barrier contraceptives, excluding intrauterine devices; and</p> <p>(d) Performing minor office procedures.</p> <p>A naturopath shall <u>not</u>:</p> <p>(e) Treat a child who is less than two years of age;</p> <p>(f) Treat a child who is two years of age UNLESS the naturopath meets conditions outlined in 12-37.3-105(2)(3);</p> <p>(g) Engage in or perform the practice of medicine, surgery, or any other form of healing except as authorized by this article;</p> <p>(h) Practice obstetrics;</p> <p>(i) Perform spinal adjustment, manipulation, or mobilization, but this paragraph (i) does not prohibit a naturopathic doctor from practicing naturopathic physical medicine as described in section 12-37.3-102(12)(b); or</p> <p>(j) Recommend the discontinuation of, or counsel against, a course of care, including a prescription drug that was recommended or prescribed by another health care practitioner licensed in this state, unless the naturopathic doctor consults with the health care practitioner who recommended the course of care.</p>		<p>paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection (8).</p>		
Connecticut	<p>The practice of natureopathy means the science, art and practice of healing by natural methods as recognized by the Council of Natureopathic Medical Education and that comprises diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by stimulation and support of the body's natural healing processes, as approved by the State Board of Natureopathic Examiners, with the consent of the</p>	<p>No. "Natural substances" means substances that are not narcotic substances, do not require the written or oral prescription of a licensed practitioner to be dispensed and are only administered orally.</p>	<p>Silent</p>	<p>Silent</p>	<p>Unclear. Authority to use the term is neither expressly granted nor prohibited. The term "natureopathic physician" is used in state statute (373 § 20-37b) . The term is used in the official posted minutes of the</p>

	Commissioner of Public Health, and shall include (1) counseling, (2) the practice of the mechanical and material sciences of healing as follows: The mechanical sciences such as mechanotherapy, articular manipulation, corrective and orthopedic gymnastics, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and phototherapy; and the material sciences such as nutrition, dietetics, phytotherapy, treatment by natural substances and external applications; (3) ordering diagnostic tests and other diagnostic procedures as such tests and procedures relate to the practice of mechanical and material sciences of healing as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection; (4) ordering medical devices and durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear wax, spirometry, tuberculosis testing and venipuncture for blood testing. Conn. Ann. Stat. § 20-34				Connecticut Board of Naturopathic Examiners.
Delaware	Not licensed				
District of Columbia	A system of health care that utilizes education, natural medicines, and natural therapies to support and stimulate a patient's intrinsic self-healing processes to prevent, diagnose, and treat human conditions and injuries. Does not include the practices of physical therapy, physical rehabilitation, acupuncture, or chiropractic. Administer or provide for preventive and therapeutic purposes natural medicines by their appropriate route of administration, natural therapies, topical medicines, counseling, hypnotherapy, dietary therapy, naturopathic physical medicine, therapeutic devices, and barrier devices for contraception. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "naturopathic physical medicine" means the use of the physical agents of air, water, heat, cold, sound, and light, and the physical modalities of electrotherapy, biofeedback, diathermy, ultraviolet light, ultrasound, hydrotherapy, and exercise, and includes naturopathic manipulation and mobilization therapy; and review and interpret the results of diagnostic procedures commonly used by physicians in general practice, including	No. An individual licensed to practice naturopathic medicine shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer any controlled substances, except those natural medicines authorized by this chapter . “ Naturally occurring substances ” means food, natural vitamins and minerals, herbs and herbal preparations, roots, barks, homeopathic preparations, plant substances and natural medicines of animal, mineral or botanical origin which do not require a prescription unless from a homeopathic pharmacy.	An individual licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter shall not: Perform surgical procedures, except for minor office procedures, as defined by rule; Use for therapeutic purposes, any device regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") that has not been approved by the FDA. Regs. § 17-5003.4 It shall be unlawful for a naturopath practicing in the District of Columbia to: (a) Falsely lead any person to believe he or she practices medicine as defined n the Act.	Silent	No. Practitioners of naturopathy or naturopathic healing may use the title "Doctor of Naturopathy." (DC Municipal Regulations, Title 14, Ch. 50, 5003.1)

	physical and orificial examinations, electrocardiograms, diagnostic imaging techniques, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory tests and examinations, and physiological function tests. DCCA § 3-1201.02, § 3-1206.21, Code of D.C. Regs. § 17-5003	“Counseling individuals and treatment through the use of naturally occurring substances” includes, but is not limited to, giving advice, ordering or prescribing naturally occurring substances, and the use of physical modalities, and other treatments, commonly provided by naturopaths and not otherwise prohibited under the Act. Code of D.C. Regs. § 17-5099.1	(b) Use x-rays, perform surgical procedures, inject any substance into another person by needle, or perform any invasive procedure on another person;		
Florida	Not licensed				
Georgia	Not licensed				
Hawaii	The practice of the art and science of diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of disorders of the body by support, stimulation, or both, of the natural processes of the human body. The practice of naturopathic medicine includes the prescription, administration, dispensing, and use of nutrition and food science, physical modalities, manual manipulation, parental therapy, minor office procedures, naturopathic formulary, hygiene and immunization, contraceptive devices, common diagnostic procedures, and behavioral medicine of the type taught in education and training at naturopathic medical colleges; provided that the use of parenteral therapy and performance of minor office procedures shall not be allowed until the board adopts rules in accordance with chapter 91 pursuant to section 455-6. Haw. Rev. Stat. §455-1	No. The practice of naturopathy excludes prescribing, dispensing, or using prescription drugs except as provided for in the definition of natural medicine.	The practice of naturopathy excludes surgery and the application of x-rays. Authorization to perform minor office procedures required. §16-88-70 "Minor office procedure" means care and procedures relative to superficial lacerations, lesions, and abrasions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in superficial structures not including the eye; and the topical and parenteral use of substances consistent with the practice of naturopathic	Silent	Yes

			medicine, in accordance with rules established by the board.		
Idaho		<p>Chapter 51, Title 54, Idaho Code, Relating to Licensure of Naturopathic Physicians; and Providing Application to Certain Licenses. REPEALED by Senate Bill No. 1177.</p> <p>Section 2. That all licenses issued under Chapter 51, Title 54, Idaho Code, as repealed by Section 1 of this act, are deemed to have expired for nonpayment of license fees and further are hereby declared to be null and void.</p>			
Illinois	Not licensed				
Indiana	Not licensed				
Iowa	Not licensed				
Kansas	A system of health care practiced by naturopathic doctors for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human health conditions, injuries and diseases, that uses education, natural medicines and therapies to support and stimulate the individual's intrinsic self-healing processes, and includes prescribing, recommending or administering: (1) Food, food extracts, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, whole gland thyroid, botanicals, homeopathic preparations, nonprescription drugs, plant substances that are not designated as prescription drugs or controlled substances, topical drugs as defined in subsection (i) of this section, and amendments thereto; (2) health care counseling, nutritional counseling and dietary therapy, naturopathic physical applications, barrier	Yes. Only those medicines approved by the Board on the Naturopathic Formulary and pursuant to a written protocol with a physician. K.A.R. § 100-72-8	<p>A naturopathic doctor may not perform surgery, obstetrics, administer ionizing radiation, or prescribe, dispense or administer any controlled substances as defined in K.S.A. 65-4101, and amendments thereto, or any prescription-only drugs except those listed on the naturopathic formulary adopted by the board pursuant to this act.”</p> <p>May perform “noninvasive</p>	Silent	No. "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery. K.S.A. §65-7272(10).

	contraceptive devices; (3) substances on the naturopathic formulary which are authorized for intramuscular or intravenous administration pursuant to a written protocol entered into with a physician who has entered into a written protocol with a naturopathic doctor licensed under this act; (4) noninvasive physical examinations, venipuncture to obtain blood for clinical laboratory tests and oroficial examinations, excluding endoscopies; (5) minor office procedures; and (6) naturopathic acupuncture		physical examinations, venipuncture to obtain blood for clinical laboratory tests and oroficial examinations, excluding endoscopies; (E) minor office procedures; and (F) naturopathic acupuncture. K.A.R. § 65-7202 (f)		
Kentucky	Not licensed				
Louisiana	Not licensed				
Maine	"Naturopathic medicine" means a system of health care for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human health conditions, injuries and diseases that uses education, natural medicines and therapies to support and stimulate the individual's intrinsic self-healing processes. M.R.S.A. Tit. 32, §12522(11)	Yes. A naturopathic doctor may not prescribe, dispense, or administer any substance or device identified in Schedule I, II, III, IV, or V as described in the federal Controlled Substances Act; M.R.S.A. Tit. 32, §12522(4)(A) A naturopathic doctor may prescribe nonprescription medications without limitation; and may only prescribe non-controlled legend drugs from the following categories: homeopathic remedies, vitamins and minerals, hormones, local anesthesia, and immunizations that are designated by a subcommittee of the board which shall consist of naturopathic members, a pharmacist member, and an allopathic or osteopathic	Yes. A naturopathic doctor may not "(b) Perform surgical procedures except those office procedures authorized by this chapter; Practice emergency medicine except when a good Samaritan rendering gratuitous services in the case of emergency and except for the care of minor injuries; or Practice or claim to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, dentistry, podiatry, optometry, chiropractic, physical therapy or any other system or method of treatment not authorized in this chapter. M.R.S.A. Tit. 32, §12522(5)	A naturopathic doctor may use physical examinations for diagnostic purposes including phlebotomy, clinical laboratory tests, speculum examinations and physiological function tests, excluding all endoscopies and physiological function tests requiring infusion, injection, inhalation or ingestion of medications to perform tests. A naturopathic doctor may order ultrasound, x-ray and electrocardiogram tests but must refer to an appropriate licensed health care professional for conducting and interpreting the tests. A naturopathic doctor may prescribe therapeutic devices or use noninvasive diagnostic procedures commonly used by	No. Use of the title "physician" by naturopathic licensees is prohibited. M.R.S.A. Tit. 32, Ch. 113-B, §12521(2).

		<p>member. M.R.S.A. § 12522(5)</p> <p>Prior to independently prescribing non-controlled legend drugs, a naturopathic doctor shall establish and complete a 12-month collaborative relationship with a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician to review the naturopathic doctor's prescribing practices. M.R.S.A. Tit. 32, §12522(4)(C)</p> <p>Naturopathic doctors may also prescribe medications, including natural antibiotics and topical medicines, within the limitations set forth in subsection 4.</p>		allopathic or osteopathic physicians in general practice.	
Maryland (2014)	<p>“Naturopathic medicine” means the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of human health conditions, injury, and disease using only patient education and naturopathic therapies and therapeutic substances recognized by the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). Naturopathic medicine includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling; • In the practice of the mechanical sciences of healing, including mechanotherapy, articular manipulation, corrective and orthopedic gymnastics, hydrotherapy, 	<p>The Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council includes the Deputy Secretary of Public Health Services, 2 certified naturopaths with 2 years’ experience, 2 physicians, 1 pharmacist, and 1 consumer. The council is tasked with recommending to the Board of Medicine a formulary. The board may modify or reject the formulary.</p>	Prohibited.	<p>Naturopaths can order and perform physical and laboratory exams for diagnostic purposes, including phlebotomy, clinical lab tests, orificial examinations, electrocardiograms with overread by a cardiologist, and physiological function tests; and can order diagnostic imaging studies and interpret the reports of those studies.</p>	Prohibited.

	<p>electrotherapy, and phototherapy; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The practice of the material sciences of healing, including nutrition, phytotherapy, treatment by natural substances, and external applications; and • Prescribing, dispensing, or administering nonprescription and prescription drugs and decides listed in the formulary. <p>Naturopaths can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispense or order natural medicines², and administer them only transdermally³; • Administer hydrotherapy and therapeutic exercise; • Provide health education and counseling; • Perform naturopathic musculoskeletal mobilization; • Order and perform physical and laboratory exams for diagnostic purposes, including phlebotomy, clinical lab tests, orificial examinations, electrocardiograms with overread by a cardiologist, and physiological function tests; and • Order diagnostic imaging studies and interpret the reports of those studies. <p>A license does not authorize a Naturopath to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribe, dispense, or administer any prescription drug; • Perform surgical procedures; • Practice or claim to practice as a medical doctor or physician, an osteopath, a dentist, a podiatrist, an optometrist, a psychologist, a nurse practitioner, a 	<p>The formulary shall include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprescription drugs and devices • Prescription oxygen and auto-injectable epinephrine • Prescription diaphragms and cervical caps for contraception <p>The formulary may not include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescription drugs or devices • Controlled substances 			
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² Natural medicines of mineral, animal, or botanical origin, including food, extracts of food, nutraceuticals, vitamins, amino acids, minerals, enzymes, botanicals and their extracts, botanical medicins, homeopathic medicines, and all other dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs as defined by the FDCA that use routes of administration including oral, nasal, auricular, ocular, rectal, vaginal, transdermal, and intramuscular.

³ The final version of H.B. 402 struck all of the following areas from the scope originally proposed: Administering natural medicines via ocular, rectal, vaginal, intramuscular, intradermal, subcutaneous and intravenous routes, dispensing and ordering devices, and performing minor office procedures.

	<p>physician assistant, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, an acupuncturist, or any other health care professional;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use general or spinal anesthetics; • Administer ionizing radioactive substances for therapeutic purposes; • Perform chiropractic adjustments or manipulations that include high-velocity thrusts at or beyond the end range of normal joint motion unless the licensee is also a licensed chiropractor; or • Perform acupuncture unless the licensee is also a licensed acupuncturist. 				
Massachusetts (2017)	<p>“Naturopathic health care”, a system of health care practices for the prevention, evaluation and treatment of illnesses, injuries and conditions of the human body through the use of education, nutrition, natural medicines and therapies and other modalities which are designed to support, stimulate or supplement the human body’s own natural self-healing processes.</p> <p>“Naturopathic manipulative therapy”, the manually-administered mechanical treatment of body structures or tissues in accordance with naturopathic principles to restore the normal physiological function of the human body.</p> <p>“Naturopathic physical medicine”, the therapeutic use of the physical agents of air, water, heat, cold, sound, light and the physical modalities of electrotherapy, diathermy, ultraviolet light, hydrotherapy, naturopathic manipulative therapy and therapeutic exercise.</p>	<p>The practice of naturopathic health care shall include dispensing, administering, ordering and prescribing natural medicines of mineral, animal or botanical origin, including food products or extracts, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, digestive aids, natural hormones, plant substances, homeopathic preparations, natural antibiotics, topical medicines and nonprescription drugs, therapeutic devices and barrier contraceptives to prevent or treat illnesses, injuries and conditions of the human body.</p> <p>The practice of naturopathic health care <u>shall not include</u> prescribing, dispensing or administering a drug classified as a controlled substance or prescription drug under chapter</p>	<p>The practice of naturopathic health care shall include the use of <u>non-invasive physical examinations</u> and the ordering of clinical and laboratory procedures from licensed clinics or laboratories to evaluate injuries, illnesses and conditions in the human body; the use of manual mechanical manipulation of body structures or tissues, in accordance with naturopathic principles.</p> <p>The practice of naturopathic health care <u>shall not include</u> performing surgery or invasive procedures or examinations, abortions or the use of radiation, radioactive substances or local, general or spinal anesthesia; the practice of acupuncture and traditional chinese medicine.</p>	<p>The practice of naturopathic health care shall include, the use of non-invasive physical examinations and the <u>ordering of clinical and laboratory procedures from licensed clinics or laboratories</u> to evaluate injuries, illnesses and conditions in the human body.</p>	<p>“Naturopathic doctor”, a person who is licensed by the board to practice naturopathic health care pursuant to this chapter.</p>

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Michigan	Not licensed				
Minnesota	<p>Naturopathic medicine "means a system of primary health care for the prevention, assessment, and treatment of human health conditions, injuries, and diseases that uses: services, procedures, and treatments as described in section 147E.05; and (2) natural health procedures and treatments in section 146A.01, subdivision 4.</p> <p>Minn. Stat. § 147E.01(10)</p>	<p>Subdivision 1. Practice parameters.</p> <p>(a) The practice of naturopathic medicine includes, but is not limited to, the following services:</p> <p>(1) ordering, administering, prescribing, or dispensing for preventive and therapeutic purposes: food, extracts of food, nutraceuticals, vitamins, minerals, amino acids, enzymes, botanicals and their extracts, botanical medicines, herbal remedies, homeopathic medicines, dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs as defined by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, glandulars, protomorphogens, lifestyle counseling, hypnotherapy, biofeedback, dietary therapy, electrotherapy, galvanic therapy, oxygen, therapeutic devices, barrier devices for contraception, and minor office procedures, including obtaining specimens to assess and treat disease;</p> <p>Minn. Stat. § 147E.05 (1)</p> <p>Homeopathic preparations. "Homeopathic preparations"</p>	<p>(b) A naturopathic doctor registered under this chapter shall not perform surgical procedures using a laser device or perform surgical procedures beyond superficial tissue. Minn. Stat. § 147E.05</p> <p>(2)(b)</p>	<p>(2) Performing or ordering physical examinations and physiological function tests;</p> <p>(3) ordering clinical laboratory tests and performing waived tests as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA);</p> <p>(4) referring a patient for diagnostic imaging including x-ray, CT scan, MRI, ultrasound, mammogram, and bone densitometry to an appropriately licensed health care professional to conduct the test and interpret the results;</p> <p>(5) prescribing nonprescription medications and therapeutic devices or ordering noninvasive diagnostic procedures commonly used by physicians in general practice; and</p>	

		means medicines prepared according to the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States. Minn. Stat. § 147E.01(6)			
Mississippi	Not licensed				
Missouri	Not licensed				
Montana	"Naturopathic medicine", "naturopathic health care", or "naturopathy" means a system of primary health care practiced by naturopathic physicians for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of human health conditions, injury, and disease. Its purpose is to promote or restore health by the support and stimulation of the individual's inherent self-healing processes. This is accomplished through education of the patient by a naturopathic physician and through the use of natural therapies and therapeutic substances. M.C.A. 37-26-103(7)	Yes. A naturopathic physician may not prescribe, dispense, or administer any legend drug [as defined in 50-31-301], except for whole gland thyroid; homeopathic preparations; and natural substances, drugs, and therapies described in subsection (2), which includes food, food extracts, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, whole gland thyroid, botanical medicines, homeopathic preparations, and oxytocin (pitocin). M.C.A. § 37-26-301	A naturopathic physician may not: perform surgical procedures except those minor surgery procedures authorized by this chapter. M.C.A. § 37-26-301 (a) "Minor surgery" means the use of: (i) operative, electrical, or other methods for the surgical repair and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions, superficial lesions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial tissues; and (ii) antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection with the methods. (b) Minor surgery does not include general or spinal anesthetics, major surgery, surgery of the body cavities, or specialized surgeries, such as plastic surgery, surgery involving the eyes, or surgery involving tendons, ligaments, nerves, or blood vessels. M.C.A. § 37-26-103(5)	Naturopathic physicians may perform or order for diagnostic purposes a physical or orificial examination, ultrasound, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory test or examination, physiological function test, and any other noninvasive diagnostic procedure commonly used by physicians in general practice and as authorized by 37-26-201(2). M.C.A § 37-26-101 (4)	Yes. M.C.A. § 37-26-103(9).

Nebraska	Not licensed				
Nevada	Not licensed				
New Hampshire	Naturopathic medicine is a system of primary health care for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of human health conditions, injuries, and diseases using education, natural medicines and therapies to support and stimulate the individual's intrinsic self-healing processes. Doctors of naturopathic medicine are authorized to use, for preventive and therapeutic purposes, natural medicines and therapies, counseling, hypnotherapy, biofeedback, dietary therapy, naturopathic physical medicine, therapeutic devices, and barrier devices for contraception. Naturopathic physical medicine is the therapeutic use of the physical agents of air, water, heat, cold, sound, light, and electromagnetic non-ionizing radiation and the physical modalities of electrotherapy, diathermy, ultraviolet light, ultrasound, hydrotherapy, naturopathic manipulative therapy, and therapeutic exercise.	Yes. Doctors of naturopathic medicine shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer any legend or controlled substances, except those natural medicines as authorized by this chapter. N.H.R.S.A. § 328-E:4(V) Doctors of naturopathic medicine with specialty certification in naturopathic childbirth, shall be authorized to use oxytocin and pitocin. N.H.R.S.A. § 328-E:4(V)	Doctors of naturopathic medicine are not authorized to perform surgical procedures, practice emergency medicine, except as a good samaritan rendering gratuitous services in the case of emergency and except for the care of minor injuries, practice or claim to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, dentistry, podiatry, optometry, chiropractic, physical therapy, or any other system or method of treatment not authorized in this chapter. N.H.R.S.A. § 328-E:4 VI.	N.H.R.S.A. § 328-E:4 III. Doctors of naturopathic medicine may prescribe nonprescription medications and therapeutic devices or use noninvasive diagnostic procedures commonly used by medical practitioners in general practice. Doctors of naturopathic medicine may use, for diagnostic purposes physical and orificial examinations, X-rays, electrocardiograms, ultrasound, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory tests and examinations, and physiological function tests. N.H.R.S.A. § 328-E:2, N.H.R.S.A. § 328-E:4	Likely not. Naturopathic licensees shall use the title ""doctor of naturopathic medicine" and the recognized abbreviation N.H.R.S.A. § 328-E:3.
New Jersey	Not licensed				
New Mexico	Not licensed				
New York	Not licensed				
North Carolina	Not licensed				
North Dakota	"Naturopath" means an individual licensed to practice naturopathic health care under this chapter. Chapter 43-58.	A naturopath may not prescribe, dispense, or administer any prescription drug or administer ionizing radioactive substances for therapeutic purposes.	Naturopaths are prohibited from performing surgical procedures.	A naturopath may perform or order for diagnostic purposes a physical or orificial examination, ultrasound, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory test or examination,	Prohibited. A naturopath may use the title "naturopath" or "doctor of naturopathic medicine" and the abbreviation "N.D." when used to reflect either of these titles.

		A naturopath may prescribe and administer for preventive and therapeutic purposes a prescriptive device and the following nonprescriptive natural therapeutic substances, drugs, and therapies: a. Food, vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, enzymes, botanical medicines, and homeopathic preparations; b. Topical drugs, health care counseling, nutritional counseling and dietary therapy, naturopathic physical applications, and therapeutic devices; and c. Barrier devices for contraception.		physiological function test, and any other noninvasive diagnostic procedure commonly used by physicians in general practice and as authorized by the board.	
Ohio	Not licensed				
Oklahoma	Not licensed				
Oregon	Naturopathic medicine is the discipline that uses physiotherapy, natural healing processes and minor surgery and has as its objective the maintaining of the body in, or of restoring it to, a state of normal health. O.R.S. § 685.010, 685.030, 685.145, 689.635	Yes. Licensees may perform health maintenance and restoration measures consistent with generally recognized and accepted principles of naturopathic medicine, including but not limited to (a) administering, dispensing or writing prescriptions for drugs; (b) recommending the use of specific and appropriate over-the-counter pharmaceuticals; (c) administering anesthetics or antiseptics in connection with	O.R.S. § 685.010 (3) "Minor surgery" means the use of electrical or other methods for the surgical repair and care incident thereto of superficial lacerations and abrasions, benign superficial lesions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial structures; and the use of antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection therewith.	Silent	Yes. Only licensees under this chapter may use any or all of the following terms, consistent with academic degrees earned: "Doctor of Naturopathy" or its abbreviation, "N.D.," "Naturopath" or "Naturopathic Physician." However, none of these terms, or any combination of them, shall be so used as to convey the idea that the physician who uses them practices anything other than naturopathic medicine. O.R.S.

		minor surgery as defined in ORS 685.010; (d) ordering diagnostic tests; (e) using radiopaque substances administered by mouth or rectum necessary for Roentgen diagnostic purposes; (f) administering substances by penetration of the skin or mucous membrane of the human body for diagnostic, preventative or therapeutic purposes. The Board of Naturopathic Examiners may adopt by rule appropriate procedures for administering substances under this paragraph. (O.R.S. § 685.030)			\$685.020
Pennsylvania	Not licensed				
Rhode Island	Not licensed				
South Carolina	Not licensed. State law explicitly prohibits the practice of naturopathy. S.C. Code Ann § 40-31-10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota	Not licensed				
Tennessee	It is unlawful for any person to practice naturopathy in this state. Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-205(A) The term “naturopathy” <i>does not</i> mean the sale of herbs or natural health information exchanges provides as a service so long as: (A) The sale or provision of information exchanges is not conducted for the purpose of the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of any physical ailment or physical injury to or deformity of another; and (B) In any instance involving natural health information exchanges, the seller obtains a signed acknowledgement from the buyer that the seller is neither a licensed practitioner of the healing arts in Tennessee, nor meets the recognized qualification criteria	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

	which would allow the provision of any form of diagnosis, treatment recommendation, or medical care in Tennessee. For the purposes of meeting the requirements of this section, the seller shall keep the signed acknowledgement from the buyer on file for a period of three (3) years. (Repealed at midnight, June 30, 2012.)				
Texas	Not licensed				
Utah	Naturopathic medicine is a system of primary health care for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of human health conditions, injuries, and diseases using education, natural medicines and therapies to support and stimulate the individual's intrinsic self-healing processes by using naturopathic childbirth (if specified requirements are met), naturopathic mobilization therapy, physical medicine, minor office procedures, prescribing or administering natural medicine, prescribing medical equipment and devices, diagnosing by using medical equipment and devices, and administering therapy or treatment by the use of medical devices, prescribing barrier devices for contraception, dietary therapy, taking and using diagnostic x-rays, electrocardiograms, ultrasound, and physiological function tests, taking body fluids for clinical laboratory tests and using the results in diagnosis, taking a history from and conducting a physical examination upon a human patient and prescribing and administering natural medicines and medical devices. U.C.A. § 58-71-102	Yes. Natural medicines are food, food extracts, dietary supplements, all homeopathic remedies, and plant substances <i>not designated as prescription drugs or controlled substances</i> ; over the counter medications; other nonprescription substances (<i>the prescription or administration of which is not restricted under federal or state law</i>); and prescription drugs that <i>are not controlled substances</i> as defined in [58-37-2], the prescription of which is consistent with the competent practice of naturopathic medicine, and the prescription of which is approved by the Naturopathic Formulary Advisory Peer committee. The Naturopathic Formulary can be found at U.C.A. § R156-71-202. U.C.A. § 58-71-102	"Minor office procedures" means: (i) the use of operative, electrical, or other methods for repair and care of superficial lacerations, abrasions, and benign lesions; (ii) removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial tissues, excluding the eye or ear; and (iii) the use of antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection with minor office surgical procedures. (b) "Minor office procedures" does not include: (i) general or spinal anesthesia; (ii) office procedures more complicated or extensive than those set forth in Subsection (7)(a); (iii) procedures involving the eye; or (iv) any office procedure involving tendons, nerves, veins, or arteries. U.C.A. § 58-71-	Yes. Practice of naturopathic medicine" means: (a) a system of primary health care for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of human health conditions, injuries, and diseases that uses education, natural medicines, and natural therapies, to support and stimulate the patient's intrinsic self-healing processes: (vi) prescribing medical equipment and devices, diagnosing by the use of medical equipment and devices, and administering therapy or treatment by the use of medical devices necessary and consistent with the competent practice of naturopathic medicine; U.C.A. § 58-71-102(12)(A)(vi)	Yes. Naturopathic licensees can use the designation "naturopathic physician," "naturopathic doctor," "naturopath," "doctor of naturopathic medicine," "doctor of naturopathy," "naturopathic medical doctor," "naturopathic medicine," "naturopathic health care," "naturopathy," "N.D.," "N.M.D." U.C.A. § 58-71-102.

<p>Vermont</p>	<p>Naturopathic medicine is a system of health care that utilizes education, natural medicines and natural therapies to support and stimulate a patient's intrinsic self-healing processes to prevent, diagnose and treat human health conditions and injuries. This includes administering or providing, for preventative and therapeutic purposes, nonprescription medicines, topical medicines, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, counseling, hypnotherapy, nutritional and dietary therapy, naturopathic physical medicine, naturopathic childbirth, therapeutic devices, barrier devices for contraception, and using diagnostic procedures such as physical and orificial examinations, electrocardiograms, diagnostic imaging techniques, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory tests and examinations, and physiological function tests. Naturopathic physical medicine is the use of the physical agents of air, water, heat, cold, sight, sound and light, ultrasound, hydrotherapy and exercise. <i>Naturopathic medicine does not include physical therapy, physical rehabilitation or chiropractic.</i> V.S.A. § 4121, V.C.R. § 04-030-380.-3.7</p>	<p>Yes. An individual [licensed as a naturopathic physician] may administer or provide for preventative and therapeutic purposes nonprescription medicines, topical medicines, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, counseling, hypnotherapy, nutritional and dietary therapy, naturopathic physical medicine, naturopathic childbirth, therapeutic devices, barrier devices for contraception, and prescription medicine authorized by this chapter or by the formulary. The formulary can be found at Vermont Rules 13-140-061. V.S.A. § 4121</p> <p>A person licensed under this chapter shall not perform any of the following acts: (1) Prescribe, dispense, or administer any prescription medicines without obtaining from the director the special license endorsement under subsection 4125(d) of this chapter. V.S.A. § 4122(b)</p> <p>(d) The director shall adopt rules which shall authorize a naturopathic physician to</p>	<p>102 (7) (a)</p> <p>No person shall perform the following acts “(2) Perform surgical procedures, except for episiotomy and perineal repair associated with naturopathic childbirth.” V.S.A. § 4122(b)(2)</p>	<p>Licensed Naturopath may “(B) Use diagnostic procedures commonly used by physicians in general practice, including physical and orificial examinations, electrocardiograms, diagnostic imaging techniques, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory tests and examinations, and physiological function tests.” V.S.A. § 4121(8)(b)</p>	<p>Yes. V.S.A. §26-81-4121(10).</p>
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Virginia	Not licensed				
Washington	Naturopathic medicine is the practice by naturopaths of the art and science of the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of disorders of the body by stimulation or support, or both, of the natural processes of the human body. A naturopath is responsible and accountable to the consumer for the quality of naturopathic care rendered. The practice of naturopathic medicine includes manual manipulation (mechanotherapy), the prescription, administration, dispensing, and use, except	Yes. "Naturopathic medicines" means vitamins, minerals, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, hormones, and those legend drugs and controlled substances consistent with naturopathic medical practice in accordance	Yes. "Minor office procedures" means care and procedures incident thereto of superficial lacerations, lesions, and abrasions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in superficial structures, not to include the eye; and the use of	Silent	Most likely/unclear. Statutory headings refer to "naturopathic physicians" but express authority to use the title "physician" cannot be located in state statutes or regulations.

	for the treatment of malignancies, of nutrition and food science, physical modalities, minor office procedures, homeopathy, naturopathic medicines, hygiene and immunization, contraceptive devices, common diagnostic procedures, and suggestion; however, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit consultation and treatment of a patient in concert with a practitioner licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 R.C.W. (<i>osteopathic medicine provisions</i>) . No person licensed under this chapter may employ the term "chiropractic" to describe any services provided by a naturopath. R.C.W. § 18.36A.040	with rules established by the Secretary. <i>Controlled substances are limited to codeine and testosterone products that are contained in Schedules III, IV, and V in Chapter 69.50 RCW.</i> A Legend Substance List is currently being updated. R.C.W. § 18.36A.020 and A.040	antiseptics and topical or local anesthetics in connection therewith. "Minor office procedures" also includes intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, and intradermal injections of substances consistent with the practice of naturopathic medicine and in accordance with rules established by the secretary. R.C.W. § 18.36A.040 (12)		
West Virginia	Not licensed				

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