

CNS, CNM, and CNP Prescribing Right Updates

Task	Can	Cannot
Provide non-controlled prescription drugs at any entity that provides free medical services for indigent patients ¹	✓	
Prescribe <i>no more</i> than a thirty-day supply of Schedule II non-narcotic substance if listed in practice agreement ^{2,6}	✓	
Prescribe Schedules III through V controlled substances if listed in practice agreement	✓	
Prescribe <i>no more</i> than a five-day supply of Schedule II narcotic substance to non-hospice or palliative care patients if listed in practice agreement ^{3,4,6}	✓	
Prescribe <i>no more</i> than a thirty-day supply of Schedule II narcotic substance for patients in hospice or palliative care if listed in practice agreement ^{5,6}	✓	
Prescribe medications within their scope of practice via telemedicine unless an in-person physical examination is needed for a diagnosis ⁷	✓	
Send an electronic prescription without the name, address, and phone number of the supervising physician ⁶	✓	
Provide a written prescription without the name, address, and phone number of the supervising physician ⁶		✓

¹S.345 §40.33.55

²S.345 §40.33.34(F)(1)(d)

³S.345 §40.33.34(F)(1)(e)

⁴Another prescription must not be written without the written agreement of the physician with whom the nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist has entered into a practice agreement, unless the prescription is written for patients in hospice or palliative care

⁵S.345 §40.33.34(F)(1)(f)

⁶Must be signed or electronically submitted by the CNP, CNM, or CNS with the prescriber's identification number assigned by the board and all prescribing numbers required by law. **Written prescription forms** must include the name, address, and phone number of the CNP, CNM, or CNS *and* physician. **Electronic prescription forms** must include the name, address, and phone number of the CNP, CNM, or CNS and, *if possible*, the physician through the electronic system [S.345 §40.33.34(F)(1)(g)]

⁷§40.33.34(I)

APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) includes: CRNA (certified registered nurse anesthetist), CNM (certified nurse-midwife), CNS (clinical nurse specialist), CNP (certified nurse practitioner). However, **prescribing tasks listed above are limited to CNM, CNS, and CNP, not CRNA.

**All APRNs must have a practice agreement with a physician possessing an active, unrestricted, permanent license to practice medicine in South Carolina and is actively practicing within the geographic boundaries of South Carolina..

**Authorized prescriptions by a nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist with prescriptive authority is limited to drugs and devices utilized to treat medical problems within the specialty field of the nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist as prescribed in the practice act [S.345 §40.33.34(F)(1)(b)]

ALL PRESCRIBING APRNS *MUST* HAVE THEIR OWN DEA AND DHEC REGISTRATIONS