

**If my husband is sick, can I prescribe medications for him?  
OR What about prescribing for myself? What are the rules for prescribing and dispensing?**

The APPN who intends to prescribe and/or dispense pharmacologic or non-pharmacologic agents within the scope of practice of their advanced practice license must apply to the Board for prescriptive authorization. Requirements for this authority can be found in administrative rules of the Board (IDAPA 23.01.01.315). Prescriptions signed by an authorized APPN shall be signed by the prescriber with the abbreviation for the applicable category of APPN and their license number. If an APPN wishes to prescribe or dispense controlled substances, they must apply to the Board of Pharmacy and the federal Drug Enforcement Agency for registration numbers. Those numbers must be used when prescribing controlled substances.

Nothing in the statute or rules prohibits the legally authorized APPN from prescribing legend drugs for family members or themselves as long as proper assessment, evaluation and



▶ management takes place. However, prescribing, dispensing or selling any drug classified as a controlled substance to a family member or to yourself is grounds for discipline as defined in Administrative rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing (IDAPA 23.01.01.316.01)

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## What is the Consensus Model and how will it affect my license?

The “Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education” is a seminal document developed through collaboration between the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and the APN Consensus Process Work Group. Forty-one nursing organizations have endorsed this model. It aligns APRN education,

accreditation, certification and licensure in order to continue to ensure patient safety while expanding patient access to APRNs through enhanced uniformity across the nation. The model recommends independent APRN practice; licensure at the APPN role (CRNA, CNM, CNS and CNP) and population foci level (family/individual across the lifespan, adult-gerontology, pediatrics, neonatal, gender related and psych mental health) and allows for the emergence of new APRN roles and population foci. Implementation of the recommendations will occur incrementally with Boards of Nursing, APRN educators, accrediting bodies and national certification groups

What's is this?



▶ working together towards the goal of full implementation of the new model by 2015.

The Idaho Board of Nursing endorsed the Consensus Model at their meeting in October 2008. APRNs in Idaho are currently licensed in their role but not in the population foci. The APPN Advisory Committee is comparing the Consensus Model and the Board's rules to see what, if any, changes are needed in Idaho's statute and rules to align Idaho APRN regulation with the Consensus Model. The complete text of the Consensus Model for APRN regulation can be found at [https://www.ncsbn.org/7\\_23\\_08\\_Consensus\\_APRN\\_Final.pdf](https://www.ncsbn.org/7_23_08_Consensus_APRN_Final.pdf)

## What is IDACARE? Who must provide information for inclusion in the IDACARE database?

IDACARE, managed by the Idaho Department of Administration, was implemented following the passage of the Idaho Patient Freedom of Information Act of 1998. It is an electronic database that profiles selected licensees in order to assist Idaho's citizens in their selection of personal health care providers. IDACARE includes information about educational preparation, work history, malpractice history, final board disciplinary action and other pertinent information required by law. Advanced practice professional nurses, including certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners and registered nurses anesthetists are

▶ required to provide initial and updated data to IDACARE upon issuance of initial licensure and at the time of each biennial licensure renewal. Licensees who do not comply by providing required information in a timely manner may be subject to disciplinary action, including assessment of administrative fines. Updates to IDACARE must be accomplished on-line. To update your profile, access the IdaCare Website at: [www.idacare.org/update/userentry.cfm](http://www.idacare.org/update/userentry.cfm)—enter your license number in CAPS, i.e. RNA-000, NP-999A, and password (your date of birth, i.e., 9/20/1954) and review your profile. Enter changes and click on “Update Your License Information Record” and exit the form. Questions? Please call the Board office.

## I've Received My License; must I still maintain national certification?

National current certification from a board-recognized certifying organization continues to be a requirement for Advanced Practice Licensure in Idaho. Licensure renewal requires that you attest to current certification on your renewal application and include the dates of certification. The Board will audit APPN licenses for compliance with this requirement. If selected for the audit, you will be required to provide evidence of your current certification to the Board.