

Topic	PA-C	ARNP
Licensure	All 50 states have licensure provisions	All 50 states have licensure provisions
Regulatory Board	Board of Medicine	Board of Nursing
Prescriptive privileges	All 50 states	All 50 states
Co-signature in chart	Not mandatory in State of FL per state statute	Not mandatory in state of FL per state statute
Ratio of Supervision	One physician can supervise up to 4 PAs	No limit. Standards for Protocols” found at 64B9-4.010, Florida Administrative Code, requires that the supervision arrangement be “appropriate for prudent health care providers under similar circumstances”.
Distance Requirement	The supervising physician must be within reasonable distance (75 miles)	No distance requirement for collaborating physician
Medicare Reimbursement	Please see supporting document	Please see supporting document
Controlled Substance prescribing in FL	Yes	Yes
Independent Practice Ability	None	None
Practice Protocols	None needed. Only Supervising Data Form filed with MQA/DOH	Yes. Filed with the Board of Nursing every two years and within 30 days of practice.

The table above outlines several practice guideline similarities and differences between PA and ARNP in the state of Florida. These reflect the most common questions by hiring physicians.

References:

Pertaining to Physician Assistants

Florida Statutes, Chapter 458 & 459 -

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0400-0499/0458/Sections/0458.347.html

Administrative Code : Rule Chapter 64B8-30

<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=64B8-30>

Pertaining to Nurse Practitioners

http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing/info_practiceAct.pdf