

American Academy of Family Physicians: March 2025 Legislative Report

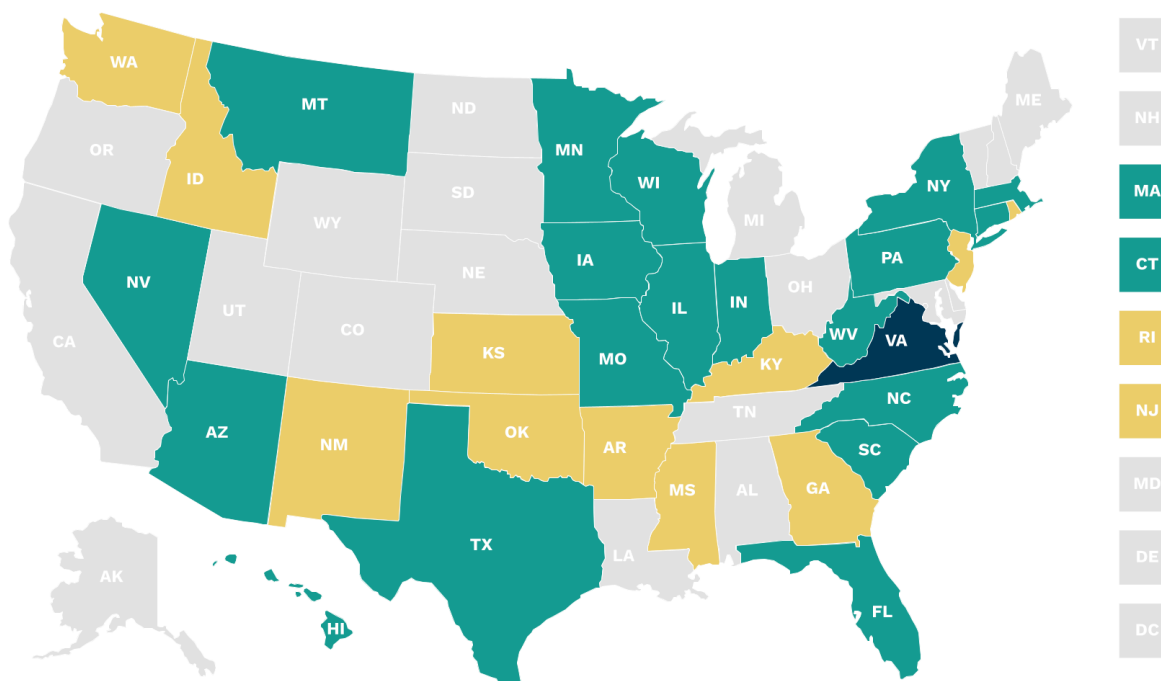
Scope of Practice - APRNs

In March, several states moved legislation to expand scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). This session, 8 states have introduced legislation to exempt APRNs who have practiced a certain number of clinical hours from physician collaboration/supervision requirements, and in Oklahoma the House passed legislation ([HB 2298](#)). The bill would allow an APRN recognized as a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse-midwife who has completed a minimum of 6,240 hours or practice with prescription authority supervised by a physician to apply for independent prescribing authority. Meanwhile, lawmakers in New Mexico ([HB 178](#) & [SB 78](#)), [Kansas](#), and [Idaho](#) have passed legislation through both chambers to expand scope of practice for nurse anesthetists. Finally, the Washington House of Representative passed a bill ([HB 1430](#)) in a 60-36 vote to require health carriers to reimburse APRNs and physician assistants at the same rate as physicians for primary care and behavioral health services.

Which states considered APRN scope legislation in 2025?

Introduced
Enacted

Passed 1st or 2nd chamber



Source: MultiState. Data as of 3/31/2025.



Scope of Practice - PAs

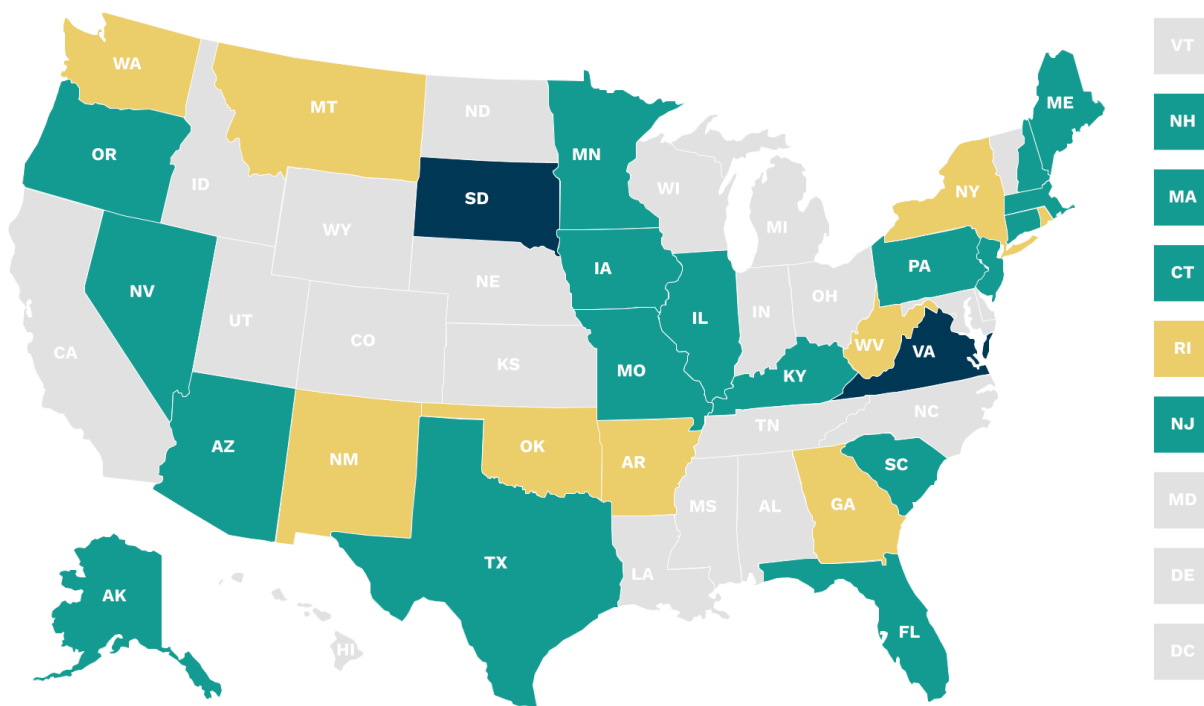
In March, South Dakota and Virginia enacted notable physician assistant scope of practice legislation. On March 31, Gov. Rhoden (R) signed [HB 1071](#) to allow physician assistants with more than 6,000 practice hours to practice without collaborative agreements. In Virginia, Gov. Youngkin (R) approved [HB 2489](#) to direct the Department of Health Professions to conduct a study physician assistant scope expansion and report findings and recommendations to relevant House and Senate committees by November 1, 2025. Several states are also moving physician assistant scope legislation. In Oklahoma, the House passed legislation ([HB 2584](#)) similar to South Dakota to allow physician assistants with at least 6,240 hours of postgraduate clinical experience to practice independently. In Arkansas, the Senate passed legislation ([SB 100](#)) to authorize Medicaid to recognize physician assistants as primary care providers.

Which states are considering physician assistant scope legislation in 2025?

Introduced

Passed 1st or 2nd chamber

Enacted



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DEI in Medical Education

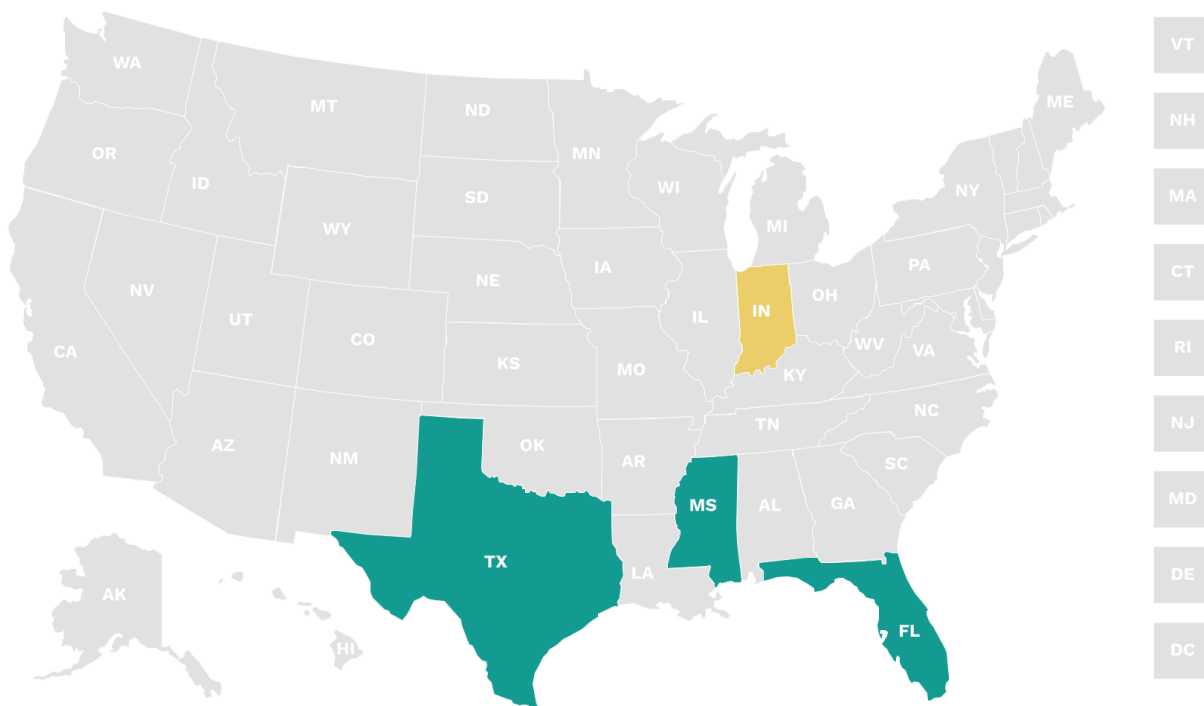
In March, Texas joined Indiana, Florida, and Mississippi in introducing legislation restricting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in medical education this session. Texas lawmakers introduced two different bills on the issue. In the Senate, [SB 2614](#) prohibits DEI in academic course instruction offered by a medical or dental unit. In the House, [HB 5294](#) requires medical schools to use letter grades for coursework and standardized tests in admissions and submit revisions to academic and admissions standards to the legislature and Higher Education Board. The bill would also prohibit the consideration of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in medical school employment and admissions. In Florida, House and Senate Committees have been considering DEI legislation. In the House, legislation ([HB 731](#)) was reported out of the Government Operations Subcommittee with a substitute that struck most of the bill's contents, except a requirement for state medical schools to implement a standardized admissions test. The bill is now in the Education and Employment Committee. In the Senate, [SB 1710](#) was reported from Governmental Oversight and Accountability and is now in the Education Postsecondary Committee. The bill would limit DEI in state agencies and contracts, and would require medical institutions of higher education to use letter grades and standardized admissions tests.

Which states are considering DEI in medical education legislation in 2025?

Introduced

Passed 1st or 2nd chamber

Enacted



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