

Professional Practice Corner

This is the first in a series of columns that will address PA practice issues in Wisconsin. The first few columns will seek to demystify Med Chapter 8. Subsequent columns will address issues raised by PAs throughout the state. I hope you find these columns helpful. If there are any topics that you would like specifically addressed, please let me know!

Med Chapter 8 translated: I

Med Chapter 8 is the state administrative code that allows us to provide medical care. The first sections (8.01 - 8.06) define a PA in Wisconsin and outline the process of state licensure. Most of the sections outline review of applications, written examination, examination failure, oral exam and temporary licensure. A few things of note from these sections: PAs must be NCCPA certified before they can receive a permanent Wisconsin license. There is no requirement to maintain NCCPA certification in order to renew a Wisconsin license. However, if a PA without current NCCPA certification were to let their Wisconsin license expire they would have to recertify with the NCCPA before applying for a new Wisconsin state license. They may also risk loss of employment or credentialing with hospitals or insurance companies. There is no state requirement for obtaining or logging CME.