

## Naturopathic Doctor and other Family Doctor Competency Comparison

Types of Health Care Services or Activities that Naturopathic Doctor is educated to perform (included in HB13-1011) compared to MD, PA, NP:	<b>Naturopathic Doctor (ND)</b> 4-year post-baccalaureate, clinical doctorate degree from 1 of 8 naturopathic medical colleges holding US Dept. of Education-recognized accreditation	<b>Medical Doctor (MD)</b> Medical degree from accredited medical school	<b>Physician Assistant</b>	<b>Nurse Practitioner</b>
<b>Educational requirements:</b>	Baccalaureate Degree 4 Year Doctoral Program Pass national board exam	Baccalaureate degree 4 year doctoral program 3-year residency (for primary care)	Baccalaureate Degree 24-36 month training program pass national board exam	Baccalaureate nursing degree 2 year graduate degree
<b>EXAMPLES:</b> Types of Routine, Out-Patient Family Health Care				
<b>Clinical Nutritional Counseling</b> (prescribe diets and nutritional supplements)	YES	Limited	Limited	Limited
<b>Personal &amp; Lifestyle Counseling</b>	YES	Limited	Limited	Limited
<b>Patient Education, Health Promotion, Disease Prevention, Treatment Adherence</b>	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Evaluate &amp; Diagnose health care conditions</b>	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Order/Interpret</b>	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes

<b>Lab Tests &amp; Imaging studies</b>				
<b>Treat patients of all ages</b>	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>EXAMPLES: Types of Procedures</b>				
<b>Venipuncture</b>	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Oxygen admin</b>	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Physical Medicine Modalities (naturopathic manual therapy)</b>	YES	Limited	No	No
<b>Homeopathy</b>	YES			
<b>Acupuncture</b>	No (only with acupuncture license)	Yes – the entire scope of medicine	No - only with separate License	No - only with separate License
<b>Physical Therapy, Chiropractic, Mid-Wifery, Other Professions</b>	No - only with separate License	Yes – the entire scope of medicine	No - only with separate License	No - only with separate License
<b>EXAMPLES: Types of Prescriptions &amp; Medications</b>				
<b>Simple Antibiotics</b>	YES (see below)	Yes	With MD oversight	Yes
<b>Prescription &amp; Non-Prescription Medications</b>	YES – in 15 other states Rx is allowed. Formulary varies by state			
<b>Botanical Meds</b>	YES			
<b>Homeopathic Preparations</b>	YES – only those prepared according to Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the US			
<b>Controlled Substances</b>	Allowed in some states such as OR, WA, MT, NH, VT			

<b>EXAMPLES: Types of Minor Office Procedures</b>				
Remove skin tags	YES	Yes, All	Yes, all	Yes, all
Treat superficial lacerations	YES			
Suture superficial wounds	YES			
Biopsy superficial lesions	YES			
<b>EXAMPLES: Emergency Medical Procedures</b>				
Per Good Samaritan law	YES	Yes,	Yes	Yes
CPR	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes