

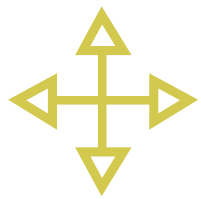
What NSPs Will and Will Not Do

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is developing national standards of practice (NSPs) to ensure safe, high-quality care for the Nation's Veterans in VA's integrated health care system and to ensure VA health care professionals can meet the needs of Veterans when practicing within the scope of their VA employment.

NSPs Will:



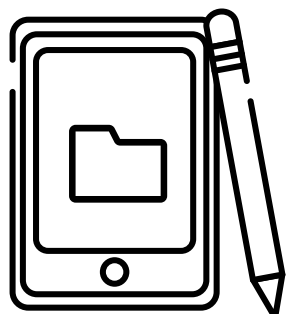
Create a standardized set of services for health care professionals



Allow VA health care professionals to move seamlessly throughout VA



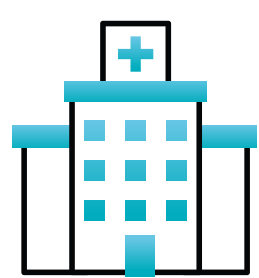
Protect health care professionals from State disciplinary action solely for practicing within the scope of their VA employment, which includes their NSP



Maximize VA's implementation of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) and increase parity with the Department of Defense

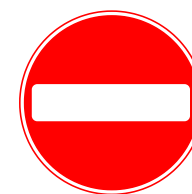


Bolster VA's ability to provide support during disasters and times of national crises, increasing agility and advancing VA's Fourth Mission

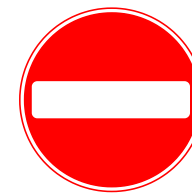


Be incorporated into a professional's privilege, scope of practice, or functional statement, if the facility performs such services and the individual has the proper education, training, and skill

NSPs Will Not:



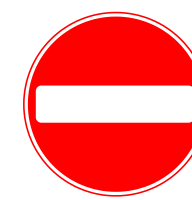
Change the way most VA health care professionals practice



Affect the services contractors or community care providers are authorized to perform either at VA facilities or for VA beneficiaries



Prevent State boards from taking disciplinary actions against health care professionals for negligence or misconduct

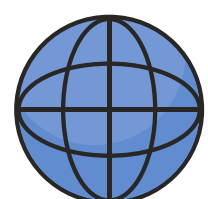


Permit health care professionals to practice tasks without the proper education, training, and skill



Alter VA qualification standards

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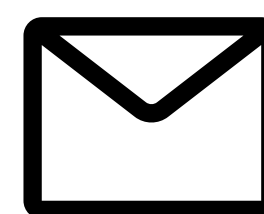


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Legal Authority: [38 CR 17.419](#) confirms VA's authority under Article VI, section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to allow VA health care professionals to practice their VA health care occupation in any State and for VA to develop National Standards of Practice for each occupation irrespective of conflicting State requirements.



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