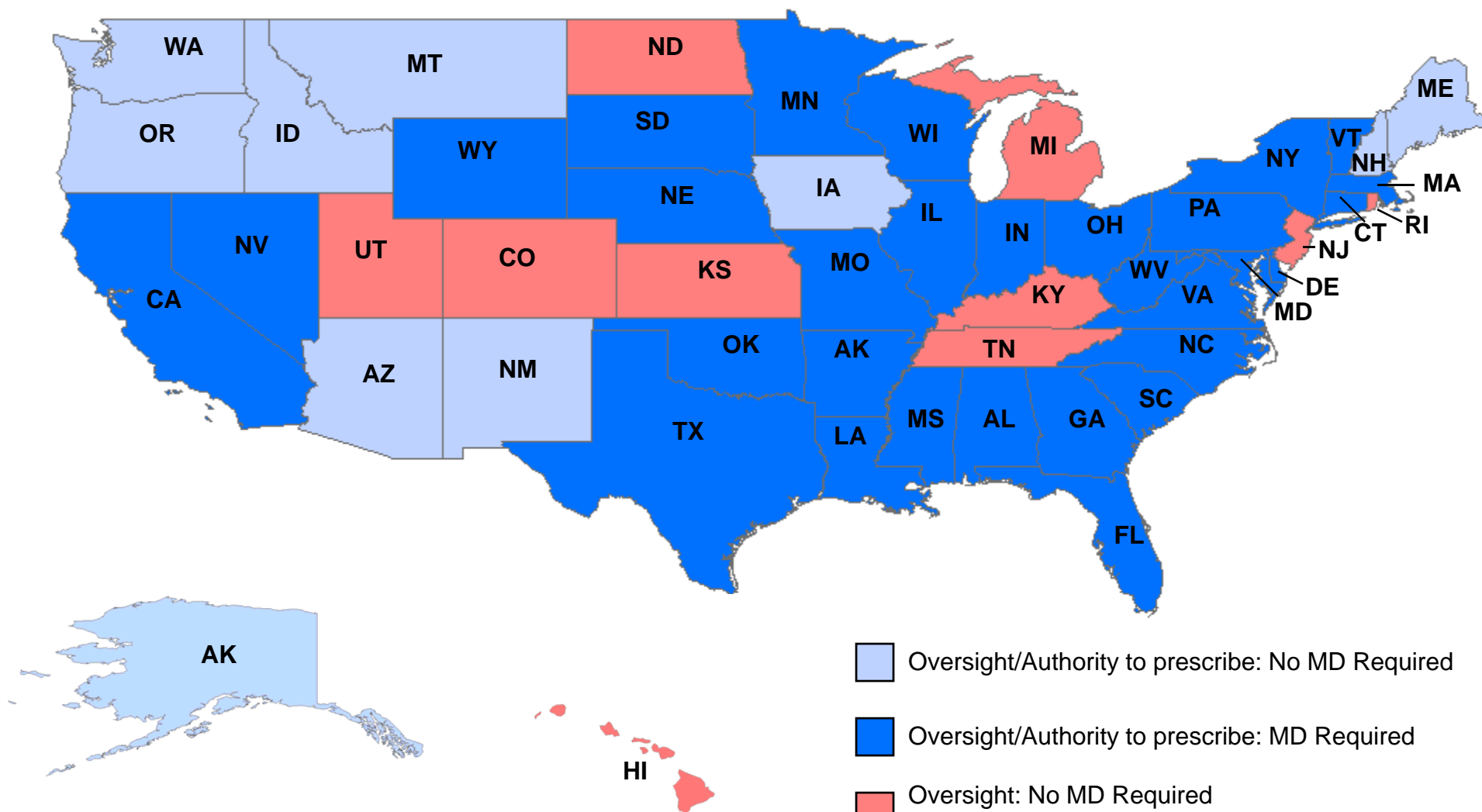


Oversight Requirements & Prescriptive Authority by State



Note: Oversight/Authority to prescribe refers to an NPs ability to practice independently, or whether a physician's supervision or collaboration is required. Collaboration definitions vary by state and frequently include a requirement for written practice protocols. In general, legal scopes of practice for NPs vary considerably at the state level.

For a full discussion of these issues see: Sharon Christian, Catherine Dower, Ed O'Neil. *Overview of Nurse Practitioner Scopes of Practice in the United States – Discussion*. Center for the Health Professions. 2007.