



New England Naturopathic Health

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New England Naturopathic Health Primary Care Policy

Due to the restrictions in the scope of practice of Naturopathic Doctors in the state of Maine, we **cannot** legally act as a primary care provider for our patients. We require all patients looking to establish care, as well as established patients of New England Naturopathic Health to secure a PCP, for the issues that may arise that cannot be managed by an ND. ND's are unable to admit to hospitals for emergency care and unable to order many of pharmaceutical medications and diagnostic studies that are necessary in emergent medical situations. Also, most insurance companies require a PCP to order screening exams such as mammograms and colonoscopies in order for them to be covered by insurance. Lastly, disability paperwork or Family Medical Leave paperwork or even a recommendation to work from home is often not accepted when submitted by an ND.