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§418.64(b)(2) If State law permits registered nurses to see, treat, and write orders for patients, then registered nurses may provide services to beneficiaries receiving hospice care.

Interpretive Guidelines §418.64(b)(2)

If an R.N., including a nurse practitioner, advanced practice nurse, etc., is permitted by State law and regulation to see, treat, and write orders, then the R.N. may perform this function while providing nursing services for hospice patients. Hospices are free to use the services of all types of advanced practice nurses within their respective scopes of practice to enhance the nursing care furnished to its patients. Services provided by a nurse practitioner (NP) who is not the patient's attending physician, are included under nursing care.
