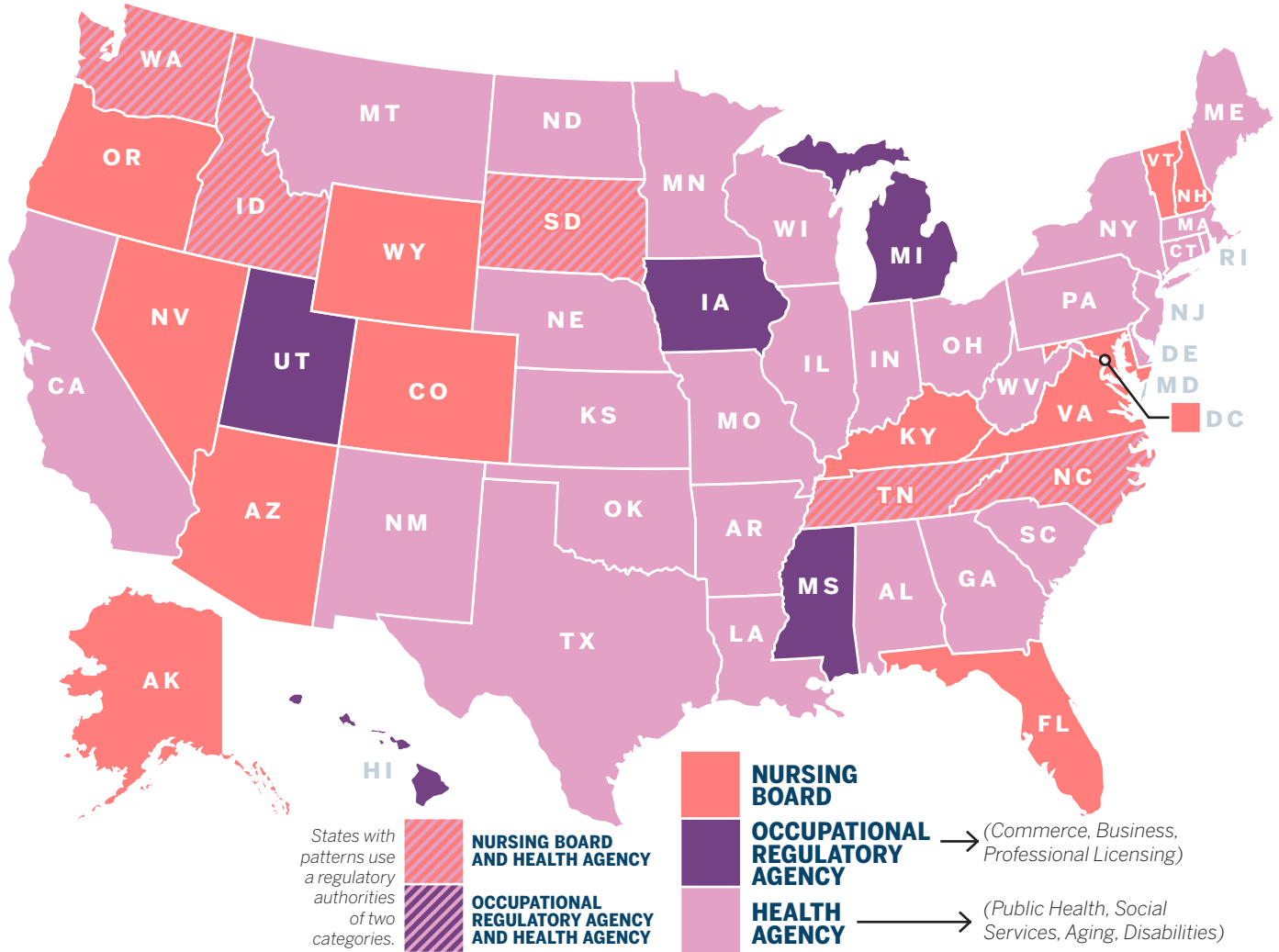


How states regulate Certified Nurse Aides

REGULATORY APPROACH BY STATE



CERTIFIED NURSING AID REGULATION

Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs) are regulated by state-level agencies. All states require CNAs to complete state-approved training and pass a state exam in order to be registered with the state. The specific agency(ies) involved in CNA regulation varies by state.

The Bowen Center completed a 50-state scan of state approaches to CNA regulation. We reviewed existing summaries from 2022 and 2024, and explored current statutes and administrative codes to categorize state approaches to regulation as being led by the nursing board, occupational regulatory agency, health agency, or a combination. The map above shows the results of the scan.

