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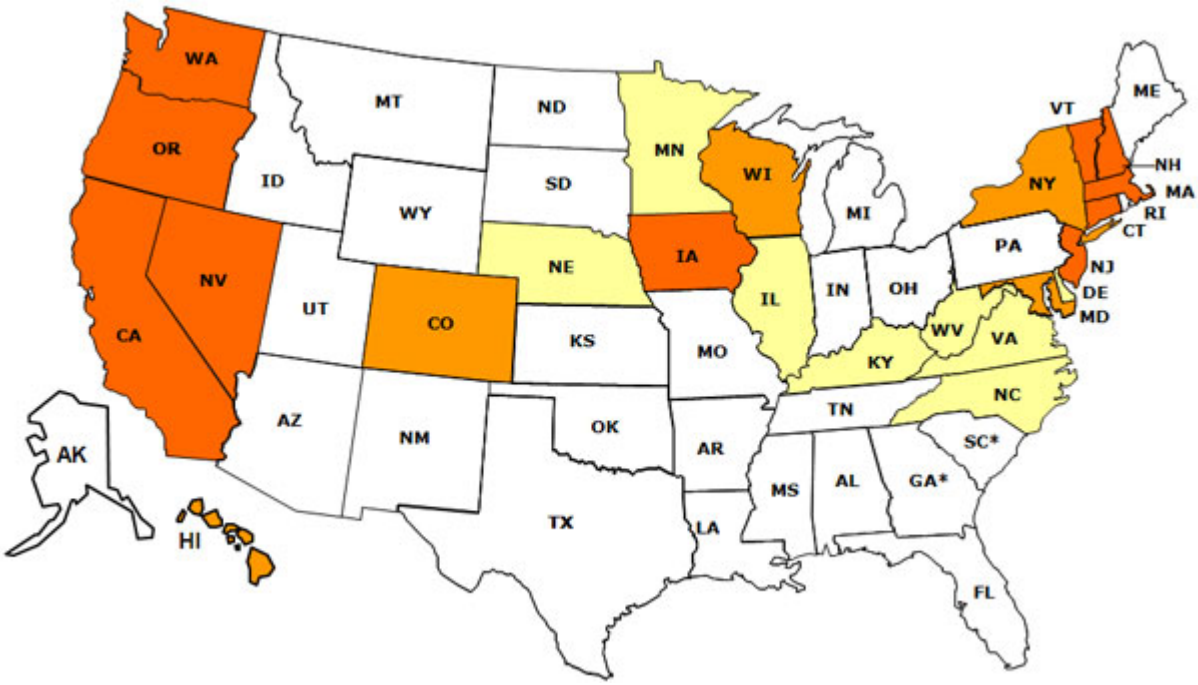
Hospital Visitation Laws



Hospital visitation laws can be in the form of relationship recognition laws (marriage, civil unions, domestic partnerships) or separate visitation statutes.

States extending equal hospital visitation rights to same-sex spouses or partners through marriage equality or statewide relationship recognition. (10 states and D.C.)
California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont and Washington.

States extending equal hospital visitation rights to same-sex spouses or partners through specific provisions as part of a limited relationship recognition statute. (5 states)
Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, New York and Wisconsin.

States extend hospital visitation rights through a designated visitor statute:. (8 states)
Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

* Healthcare Agent Statute: Two states extend hospital visitation rights to a designated healthcare agent by statute: *Georgia and South Carolina*