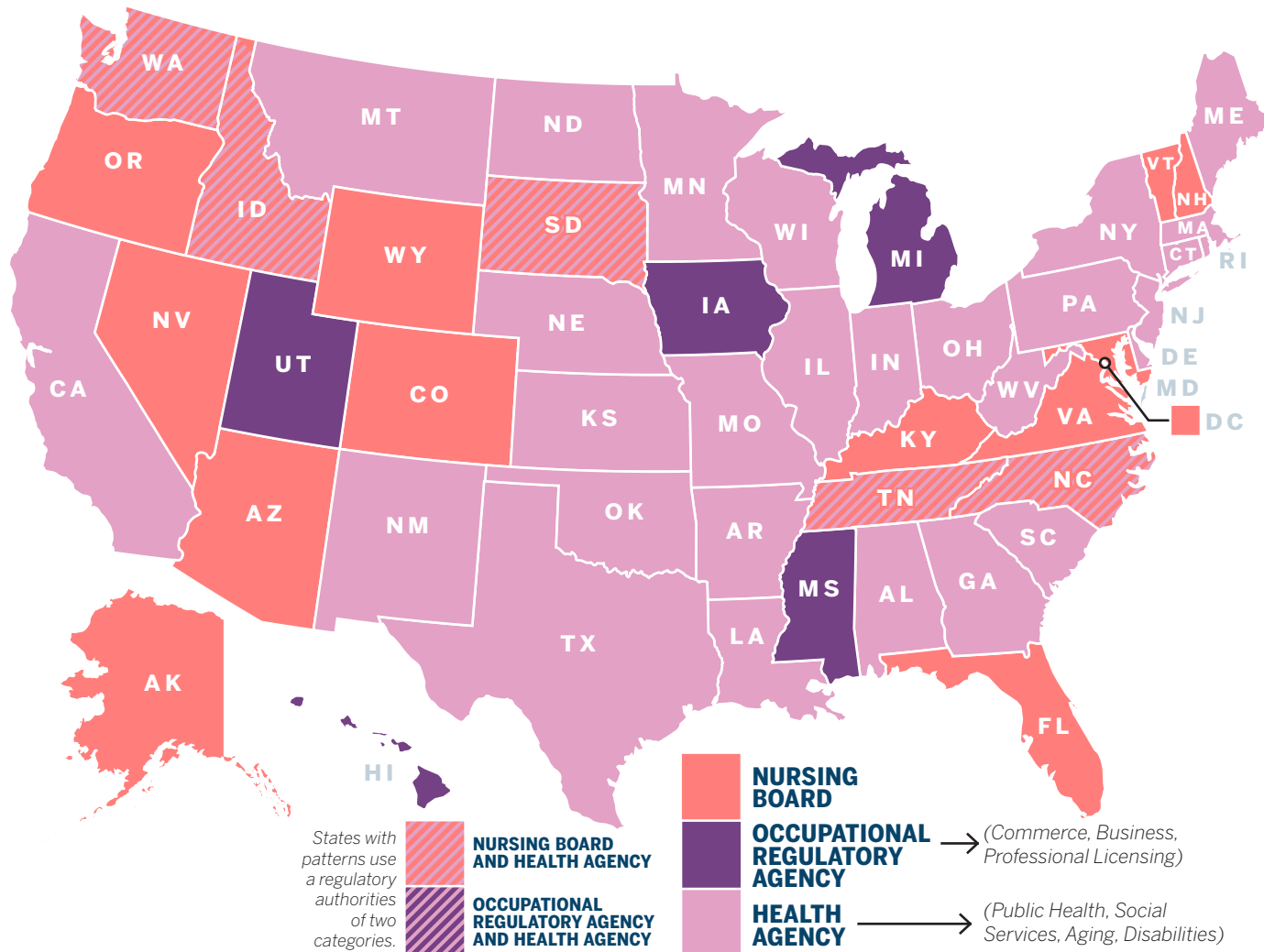


How states regulate Certified Nurse Aides

REGULATORY APPROACH BY STATE



CERTIFIED NURSING AIDE 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.

