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**An Act To Streamline Health Care Services in Maine  
by Allowing Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified  
Nurse Midwives To Verify Medical Papers and Records**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2205-B, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Global signature authority of a certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife.** When a provision of law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit or endorsement by a physician, that requirement may be fulfilled by a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife. This subsection may not be construed to expand the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife.

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