

# Peer Policy Landscape Analysis

# State Policy Landscape: Peer Recovery Support Services

Summary Chart of Relevant State Law  
Provisions

## Key

**Definition** – State law provides a definition for peer support specialist, peer recovery specialist, peer recovery support specialist, peer support professional, or similar title.

**Certification** – State law provides for certification as a peer support specialist, peer recovery specialist, peer recovery support specialist, peer support professional, or similar title. (\*) Indicates that there is no law related to certification, but there is a certifying body in the state.

**Funding** – State has authorized funding for peer support services through either one-time funding, through a program that includes peer services, or required a funding source for peer services.

**Reimbursement** – State law addresses reimbursement for peer services through the inclusion of peer support services as a reimbursable service, requiring the development of reimbursement rates, or requiring the development of a process for reimbursement. \*This column is not reflective of the at least 40 states that reimburse for peer support services through Medicaid.

**Workforce Integration** – State law addresses the role of peers in addressing the healthcare workforce shortage or requires peers in specific healthcare settings such as Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) or crisis response services.

**Criminal History** – State law prohibits peers with certain criminal history requirements.

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# State Peer Definition and Certification Laws, 2025



## 8 states

Have State law that provides for certification as a peer support specialist or similar title



## 26 states

State has both definition and certification laws and/or certifying body related to peer support



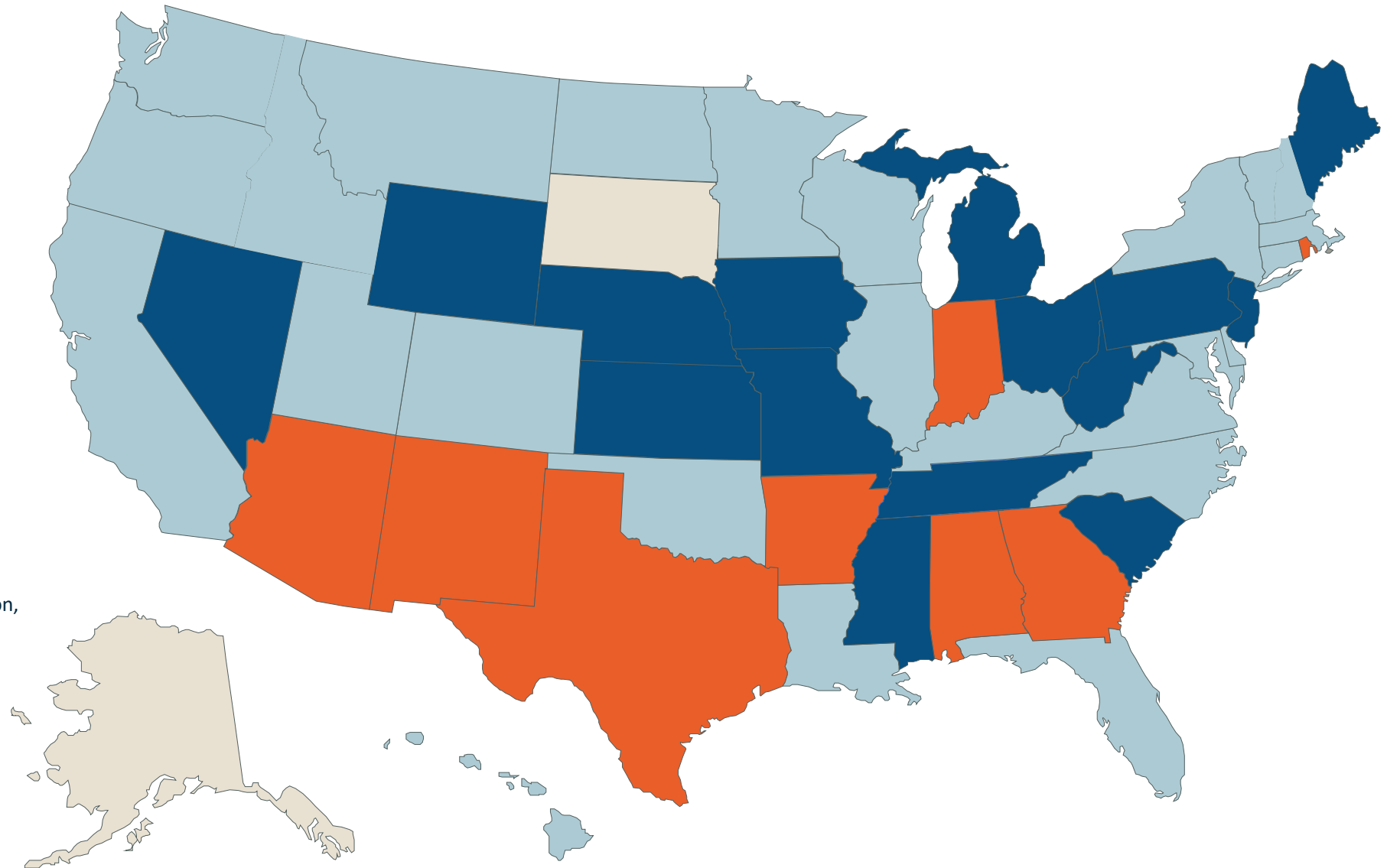
## 16 States

State has no law related to peer certification, but there is a certifying body in the state



## 2 States

No state law for peer definition and certification



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# State Peer Funding and Reimbursement Laws

## 6 States

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## 3 States

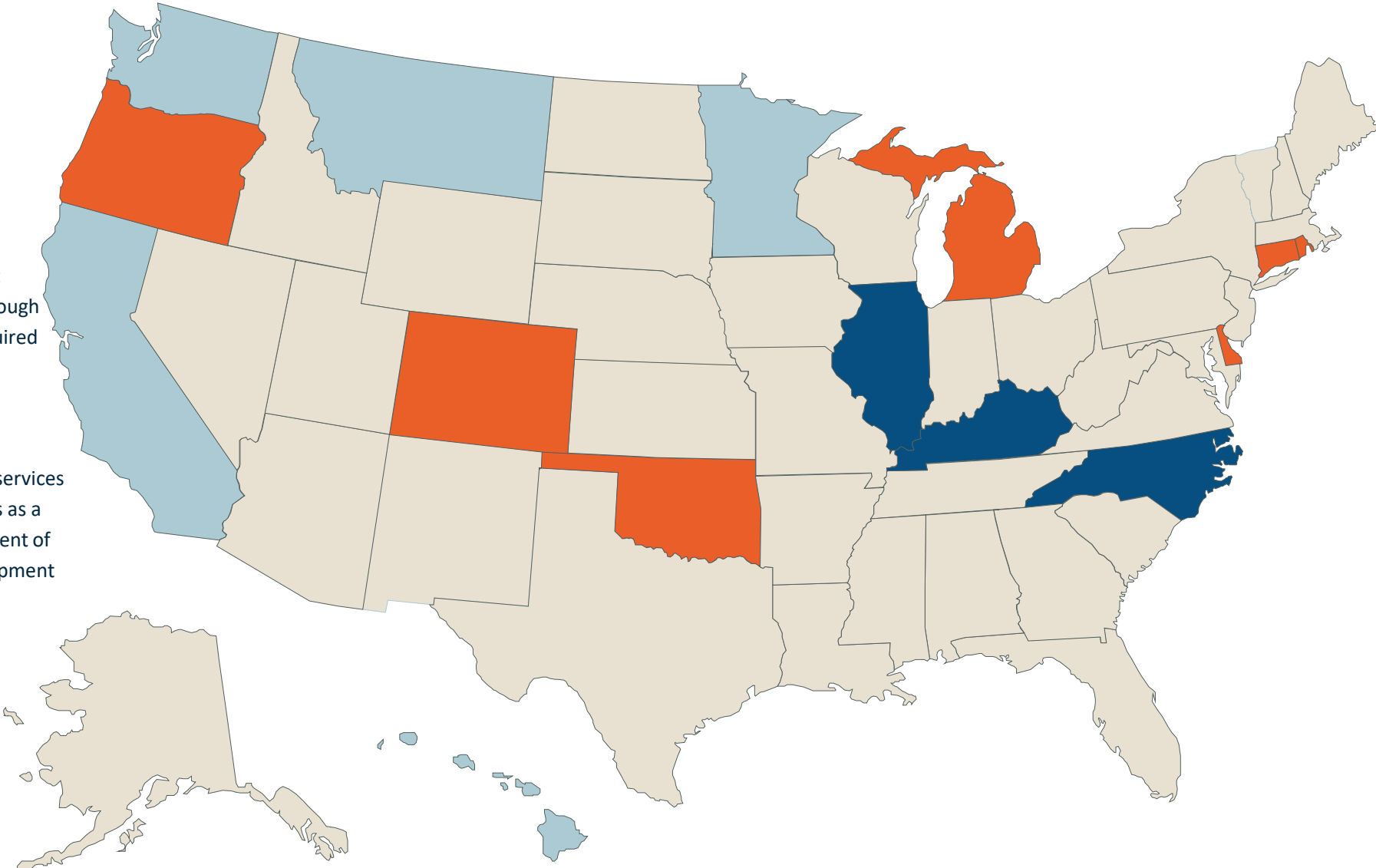
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## 5 States

State has both a peer funding law and reimbursement law

## 36 states

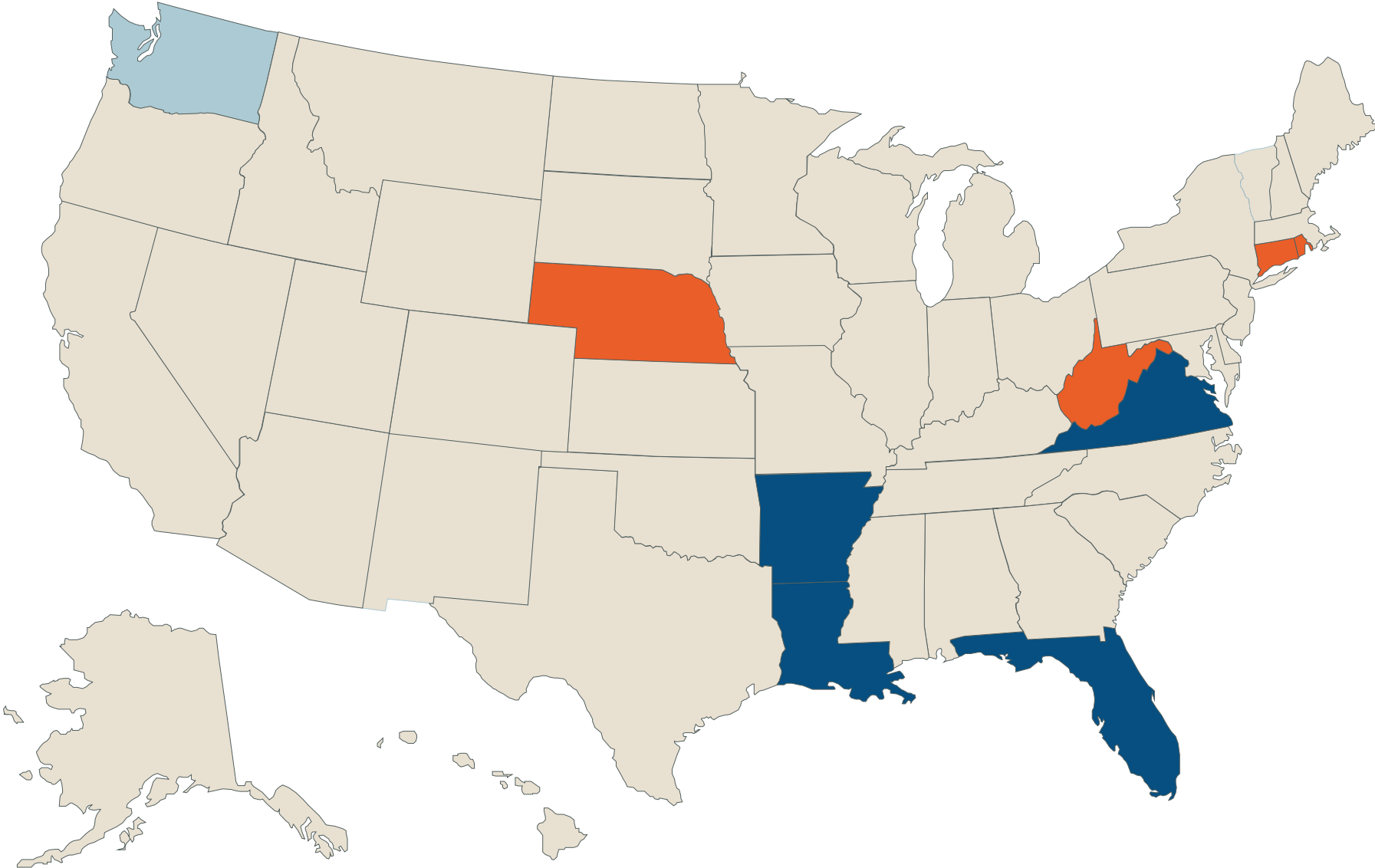
State has neither law



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# State Peer Workforce Integration Laws

- 3 States**  
State has law that addresses the role of peers in addressing the healthcare workforce shortage or requires peers in specific healthcare settings like CCBHCs
- 4 States**  
State has a law prohibiting peers with certain criminal histories
- 1 State**  
State has both laws
- 42 states**  
State has neither law



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