

State “Dispense as Written” requirements¹

If you and your patient decide to treat with VASCEPA® (icosapent ethyl), the chart below can help you determine special instructions required by your state or territory to help ensure that your patient receives VASCEPA as intended.

Alabama	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Alaska	Handwrite “Brand Necessary”
Arizona	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Arkansas	Handwrite “Brand Necessary”
California	Verbally communicate OR handwrite “Do Not Substitute” OR initial a preprinted “Do Not Substitute” box on prescription form
Colorado	Handwrite “Dispense as Written” OR initial the preprinted “Dispense as Written” box
Connecticut	Handwrite “Dispense as Written”/“DAW” AND “Medically Necessary”
Delaware	Handwrite “Brand Necessary” OR “Brand Medically Necessary”
District of Columbia	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Florida	Expressly state, orally, that the branded drug VASCEPA is “Medically Necessary” or write “Medically Necessary” on the face of the prescription form
Georgia	Handwrite “Brand Necessary” OR “Brand Medically Necessary”
Hawaii	Handwrite “Brand Necessary” OR “Brand Medically Necessary”
Idaho	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Illinois	Mark the “May Not Substitute” box
Indiana	Signature on line indicating that “Substitution Is Not Permitted”
Iowa	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Kansas	Signature on line indicating that “Substitution Is Not Permitted” AND expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Kentucky	Handwrite “Brand Medically Necessary” on the prescription for Medicaid patients AND expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted (instructions cannot be preprinted)
Louisiana	Initial the preprinted “Dispense as Written”/“DAW” box
Maine	Initial the “Dispense as Written”/“DAW” box AND expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Maryland	Handwrite “Brand Medically Necessary” on the prescription for Medicaid patients AND expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Massachusetts	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Michigan	Handwrite “Dispense as Written”/“DAW”
Minnesota	Handwrite “Dispense as Written”/“DAW”, unless the prescription is transmitted electronically in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Section 423
Mississippi	Signature on line indicating that “Substitution Is Not Permitted”

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State “Dispense as Written” requirements¹ (cont'd)

Missouri	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Montana	Handwrite “Brand Name Medically Necessary” OR print “Brand Name Medically Necessary” (for an electronic prescription)
Nebraska	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Nevada	Handwrite “Dispense as Written”
New Hampshire	Handwrite “Medically Necessary” OR print “Medically Necessary” (for an electronic prescription) OR verbally communicate when transmitted orally
New Jersey	Initial “Do Not Substitute” box on the prescription form
New Mexico	Handwrite “No Substitution”/“No Sub” on the prescription
New York	Handwrite “Dispense as Written” on the prescription form OR, for an electronic prescription, insert an electronic direction to “Dispense as Written”. Handwrite “Brand Medically Necessary” on the prescription for Medicaid patients
North Carolina	Signature on line indicating that “Substitution Is Not Permitted” AND expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
North Dakota	Handwrite “Brand Medically Necessary”
Ohio	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted, but may not be preprinted or stamped
Oklahoma	It is unlawful for a pharmacist to substitute the prescriber’s choice without the authority of the prescriber or the purchaser
Oregon	Verbally communicate AND expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Pennsylvania	Handwrite “Brand Necessary” OR “Brand Medically Necessary”
Rhode Island	Indicate “Brand Necessary”/“Brand Medically Necessary”. (Patient may request the brand name be dispensed)
South Carolina	Signature on line indicating that “Substitution Is Not Permitted”
South Dakota	Handwrite “Brand Necessary”
Tennessee	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Texas	Expressly state, orally, that the branded drug VASCEPA is “Brand Necessary” or “Brand Medically Necessary” OR write “Brand Necessary” or “Brand Medically Necessary” on the face of the prescription form OR, if an electronic prescription, clearly prohibit substitution
Utah	Mark the preprinted “Do Not Substitute” box AND expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Vermont	Handwrite “No Substitution”, “Dispense as Written”/“DAW”, OR “Brand Necessary”
Virginia	Handwrite “Brand Medically Necessary” on the prescription for Medicaid patients
Washington	Signature on line indicating that “Substitution Is Not Permitted”
West Virginia	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted AND handwrite “Medically Necessary”, “Brand Necessary”, OR “Brand Medically Necessary”
Wisconsin	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted
Wyoming	Expressly indicate that substitution is not permitted

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Reference: 1. National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. *Survey of Pharmacy Law*. 2020.

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