

STATE “DISPENSE AS WRITTEN” REQUIREMENTS

For over 10 years, you’ve relied on branded AUBAGIO® (teriflunomide) for your patients. To increase the chances that your patients continue receiving the benefits of branded AUBAGIO, consult the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy reference guide below for state-by-state guidance.*

State	Requirements ¹
Alabama	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
Alaska	Write “Brand Necessary” in own handwriting in addition to signature.
Arizona	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
Arkansas	Write “Brand Necessary” in own handwriting in addition to signature.
California	Indicate orally or in own handwriting “Do Not Substitute” or similar words. May also indicate in preprinted “Do Not Substitute” box if personally initialed.
Colorado	Handwrite “Dispense as Written” or hand initial a preprinted box labeled “Dispense as Written.”
Connecticut	Indicate “DAW,” “Dispense as Written,” or “Medically Necessary” in own handwriting.
Delaware	Indicate “Brand Necessary” or “Brand Medically Necessary” in own handwriting.
District of Columbia	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
Florida	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
Georgia	Signature shall validate the prescription and, unless the prescriber handwrites “Brand Necessary” or “Brand Medically Necessary,” shall designate approval of drug substitution by the pharmacist.
Hawaii	Indicate “Brand Necessary” or “Brand Medically Necessary” in own handwriting or product selection is allowed.
Idaho	Order, by any means, that a brand-name drug must be dispensed; no drug selection will be permitted.
Illinois	Indicate “May Not Substitute” by marking a designated box.
Indiana	Prescriber’s signature on appropriate line of two-line prescription.
Iowa	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
Kansas	Prescriber’s signature on appropriate line of two-line prescription. Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
Kentucky	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed. Handwrite “Brand Medically Necessary” on the face of the prescription for Medicaid patients or product selection is allowed. Indicate in manner of choice on the prescription “Do Not Substitute,” except that the indication shall not be preprinted on a prescription.
Louisiana	Check box to prevent DPS.
Maine	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed, and check box to prevent DPS.

State regulations are subject to change. Please consult your state’s Board of Pharmacy and Medicaid offices to verify prescribing requirements.

*The information contained herein is provided for general educational purposes only; this is not medical or legal advice.

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Maryland	Handwrite “Brand Medically Necessary” on the face of the prescription for Medicaid patients. Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
Massachusetts	Expressly indicate “No Substitution.”
Michigan	Indicate “DAW” or “Dispense as Written” in own handwriting. Expressly indicate that prescription is to be dispensed as communicated for prescriptions other than those written.
Minnesota	Indicate “DAW” or “Dispense as Written” in own handwriting, unless the prescription is transmitted electronically.
Mississippi	Prescriber’s signature on appropriate line of two-line prescription.
Missouri	Order, by any means, that a brand-name drug must be dispensed; no drug selection will be permitted.
Montana	“Brand Name Medically Necessary” shall be handwritten (or printed if electronically generated) on the face of the prescription if it is medically necessary that an equivalent drug product not be selected.
Nebraska	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
Nevada	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed. Handwrite “Dispense as Written.”
New Hampshire	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed. Handwrite “Medically Necessary” on each paper prescription, or use electronic indications when transmitted electronically, or give instructions when transmitted orally that the brand-name drug product is medically necessary.
New Jersey	Prescriber’s signature on appropriate line of two-line prescription.
New Mexico	Prohibit drug product selection by handwriting the words “No Substitution” or the diminutive “No Sub” on the face of the prescription.
New York	Indicate “Dispense as Written” in the designated box, or positively indicate brand for electronic prescriptions. Handwrite “Brand Medically Necessary” on the face of the prescription for Medicaid patients, or product selection is allowed. Positive indication for electronic prescriptions is required.
North Carolina	Prescriber’s signature on appropriate line of two-line prescription. Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
North Dakota	Write “Brand Medically Necessary” in own handwriting in addition to signature.
Ohio	In the case of a written or electronic prescription, including a computer-generated prescription, handwrite or actively cause to display on the prescription “Dispense as Written,” “DAW,” “Do Not Substitute,” “Brand Medically Necessary,” or any other statement or numerical code that indicates intent to prevent substitution. Such a designation shall not be preprinted or stamped on the prescription, but a reminder to the prescriber of the designation procedure may be preprinted or displayed on the prescription form or electronic system the prescriber uses to issue the prescription.

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Oklahoma	Substitution by the pharmacist without the authority of the prescriber or purchaser is unlawful.
Oregon	Specify in writing, by telephonic communication, or electronic transmission that there may be no substitution for the specified brand-name drug in a prescription.
Pennsylvania	Handwrite “Brand Necessary” or “Brand Medically Necessary” with signature; if not, designates approval of drug substitution by the pharmacist.
Puerto Rico	Write “Do No Interchange” on the face of the prescription in own handwriting.
Rhode Island	Indicate “Brand Necessary” or “Brand Medically Necessary” with signature; if not, designates approval of drug substitution by the pharmacist. Patient may request, in writing, that the brand name be dispensed.
South Carolina	Prescriber’s signature on appropriate line of two-line prescription.
South Dakota	Write “Brand Necessary” in own handwriting in addition to signature.
Tennessee	In own handwriting, include on the prescription the following language (but not limited to): “Brand Name Medically Necessary,” “Dispense as Written,” “Medically Necessary,” “Brand Name,” “No Generic,” or any abbreviation of the language above. May also use other handwritten notation, such as circling a preprinted “Dispense as Written” on the prescription order to clearly convey intent that a brand name is necessary for the patient.
Texas	Indicate “Brand Necessary” or “Brand Medically Necessary” in own handwriting or product selection is allowed.
Utah	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed. Allows use of preprinted “Do Not Substitute” checkbox.
Vermont	Write “Brand Necessary,” “No Substitution,” “Dispense as Written,” or “DAW” in own handwriting.
Virginia	Handwrite “Brand Medically Necessary” on the face of the prescription for Medicaid patients or product selection is allowed. For all non-Medicaid patients, phrase must be included but is not required to be handwritten.
Washington	Prescriber’s signature on appropriate line of two-line prescription.
West Virginia	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed. Indicate “Medically Necessary,” “Brand Necessary,” or “Brand Medically Necessary” in own handwriting or product selection is allowed.
Wisconsin	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.
Wyoming	Expressly indicate that substitution is not allowed.

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Reference: 1. National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Survey of Pharmacy Law 2022. <https://nabp.pharmacy/publications-reports/publications/survey-of-pharmacy-law>.



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