



## MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT

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Policy Name	Policy Number	
Medical Necessity for Physician Dispense as Written (DAW) Requests	Rx-0008	

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### A. SUBJECT

Medical Necessity for Physician Dispense as Written (DAW) Requests

### B. BACKGROUND

CareSource uses a preferred drug list (Formulary) in the states that it services a Medicaid population. The formulary and the preferred products have been approved by the CareSource Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P & T) Committee and the regulatory bodies in each state if required.

### C. DEFINITIONS

N/A

### D. POLICY

- I. CareSource will review and approve requests for brand name medications where the prescribing physician has requested "Dispense as Written" or "DAW" and consider its use as medically necessary when the following criteria have been met. This policy is not intended to supersede exclusions or drug-specific criteria developed and approved by the CareSource P&T.
- II. CareSource requires the use of FDA approved generic equivalent medications when available; consideration will be given to using a brand-name medication in the following circumstances:
  - A. Member has tried an FDA approved generic equivalent to the requested brand medication, made by two different manufacturers (if available), for up to 90 days or otherwise stated on our desk reference the User Friendly Formulary (UFF)  
**AND**

