



## Summary of State Policy Barriers to Non-Surgical Sterilization

Where statewide laws and policies may hinder implementation of a non-surgical sterilant as a legally valid alternative to surgical sterilization

Abbreviations: NSS = non-surgical sterilization; S/N = spay/neuter

State	Is sterilization a condition of adoption from a shelter?	Is there a statewide barrier restricting NSS?	Brief explanation
AK	No	No	Law is silent
AL	Yes	Yes	Statutory definition of sterilization is surgical
AR	Yes	No	Reference to sterilization only; sterilization not defined
AZ	Yes	No	Definition expressly allows NSS
CA	Yes	Maybe	S/N not defined
CO	Yes	No	Definition expressly allows NSS
CT	Yes	Yes	Statutory definition of S/N is surgical
DC	Yes	Maybe	S/N not defined
DE	Yes	No	Definition expressly allows NSS
FL	Yes	No	Reference to sterilization only; sterilization not defined
GA	Yes	Yes	Statutory definition of sterilization requires surgical removal of organs or intratesticular injection; IM injection not permitted
HI	No	No	Law is silent
IA	Yes	Clarification helpful	No barrier if "serum" is interpreted broadly including methods such as gene transfer
ID	No	No	Law is silent
IL	Yes	No	Reference to sterilization only; sterilization not defined
IN	Yes	Maybe	S/N not defined
KS	Yes	Yes	Mandatory sterilization statute requires surgical S/N
KY	No	No	Law is silent
LA	Yes	Yes	Statutory definition of sterilization is surgical
MA	Yes	Maybe	S/N not defined
MD	No	No	Law is silent
ME	Yes	No	Statewide S/N program rules define S/N as surgical or NSS
MI	Yes	No	Reference to sterilization only; sterilization not defined
MN	No	No	Law is silent

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MS	No	No	Law is silent
MT	Yes	Maybe	S/N not defined
NC	No	No	Law is silent
ND	Yes	No	Reference to sterilization only; sterilization not defined
NE	Yes	Maybe	S/N not defined
NH	No	Maybe	May be issues for reimbursing vets for NSS under animal population control program
NJ	No	Maybe	May be issues for reimbursing vets for NSS under animal population control program
NM	Yes	Maybe	S/N not defined
NV	Yes	No	Sterilization defined broadly
NY	Yes	Maybe	S/N not defined
OH	No	No	Law is silent
OK	Yes	Yes	Spay is defined as surgical
OR	No	No	Law is silent
PA	Yes	No	S/N defined broadly
RI	Yes	Yes	Statutory definition of S/N is surgical
SC	Yes	Yes	Statutory definition of sterilization is surgical
SD	No	No	Law is silent
TN	Yes	Yes	Veterinary Board of Examiners general rules define S/N as surgical
TX	Yes	No	Definition expressly allows NSS
UT	Yes	Yes	Statutory definition of sterilization is surgical
VA	Yes	Clarification helpful	Sterilization is a "surgical or chemical procedure" performed by a vet. Does "chemical procedure" cover all forms of NSS?
VT	No	Maybe	May be issues for reimbursing vets for NSS under S/N program
WA	No	No	Law is silent
WI	No	No	Law is silent
WV	Yes	Yes	S/N required and S/N program rules define S/N as surgical for females
WY	No	No	Law is silent

*This information is current as of May 2022. While we strive to maintain accurate information, please consult an official source for the text of current statutes and rules for the most up-to-date information.*