

# MICHIGAN NOTARIZATION FYI

## Seal Use & Signer with Physical Limitations

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### Use of a Stamp or Embossed Seal

The Michigan Law on Notarial Acts (MiLONA) does not require Notaries to use an embossed seal or rubber stamp on a document.

However, using a stamp is strongly recommended because it promotes a more consistent and complete notarization. Relying on memory or hand-copying required elements increases the risk of omissions.

The Department of State / Office of the Great Seal does not provide notary stamps or seals. These tools can be purchased through companies or stores that offer printing services.

### Key Considerations:

- ✓ A seal is not required under MiLONA
- ✓ A stamp helps ensure all required elements are included
- ✓ Documents used outside Michigan may require an embossed seal

### Signer with Physical Limitations

A Notary may sign the name of a person whose physical characteristics limit their ability to sign or make a mark, provided all required conditions are met.

### All of the following must be true:

- ✓ The Notary is directed by the signer (verbally, orally, or via electronic/mechanical means)
- ✓ The signer is in the physical presence of the Notary
- ✓ The Notary signs on behalf of the signer as directed

### Required Statement:

The Notary must add the following statement under the signature:

“Signature affixed pursuant to section 33 of the Michigan Law on Notarial Acts.”

### Compliance Reminder

If any of the required conditions are not met, the Notary must not proceed with signing on behalf of the individual.