



Charlie Crist
Governor

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., MPH
State Surgeon General

March 12, 2010

Dear Pharmacy Manager:

Effective March 18, 2010, Rule 64B16-27.500, *Florida Administrative Code* (F.A.C.), is amended to remove levothyroxine sodium from Florida's Negative Drug Formulary. Pursuant to Section 465.025(6)(b), *Florida Statutes* (F.S.), you are being notified of the deletion.

From March 18, 2010 forward, a pharmacist that receives a prescription for a brand name drug shall, unless requested otherwise by the purchaser, substitute a less expensive, generically equivalent drug product that is listed in the formulary of generic and brand name drug products as provided in Section 465.025(5), F.S., unless:

- The prescriber writes the words "MEDICALLY NECESSARY," in her or his own handwriting, on the face of a written prescription;
- In the case of an oral prescription, the prescriber expressly indicates to the pharmacist that a brand name drug prescribed is medically necessary; or
- In the case of a prescription that is electronically generated and transmitted, the prescriber makes an overt act when transmitting the prescription to indicate that the brand name drug prescribed is medically necessary.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may contact the Board of Pharmacy by telephone at (850) 245-4292 or by email MQA_Pharmacy@doh.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca R. Poston".

Rebecca R. Poston, BPharm
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Board of Pharmacy