

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF LEVOTHYROXINE SODIUM FROM THE NEGATIVE DRUG FORMULARY

TALLAHASSEE— Effective March 18, 2010, levothyroxine sodium has been removed from Florida's Negative Drug Formulary and Rule 64B16-27.500, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), reflects this change. Levothyroxine is a drug that is used for treating low thyroid activity and treating or suppressing different types of goiters. It is also used with surgery and other medicine for managing certain types of thyroid cancer. Its generic name is: *levothyroxine* (*LEE voe thy ROX een*) and the brand names include: Levothroid®, Levoxyl®, Synthroid® and Unithroid®.

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: (1) The prescriber writes the words "MEDICALLY NECESSARY," in their own handwriting, on the face of a written prescription; (2) In the case of an oral prescription, the prescriber expressly indicates to the pharmacist that a brand name drug prescribed is medically necessary; or (3) 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 email MQA_Pharmacy@doh.state.fl.us or via the DOH website: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/pharmacy/ph_updates.html

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