# Rules of Department of Commerce and Insurance

Division 2220—State Board of Pharmacy

Chapter 3—Negative Generic Drug Formulary

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20 CSR 2220-3.011 Generic Drug Substitution

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to establish requirements for generic drug substitution.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(1) Except as otherwise provided by Chapter 338, RSMo, a pharmacist who receives a prescription for a brand name drug or biological product may select a less expensive generically equivalent or interchangeable biological product unless the patient requests a brand named drug or biological product or the prescribing practitioner indicates that substitution is prohibited or displays "brand medically necessary", "dispense as written", "do not substitute", "DAW", or words of similar import on the prescription.

(2) All pharmacists and dispensing physicians should be warned that any drug product not holding an approved New Drug Application or Abbreviated New Drug Application may not be used as a substitute in the state of Missouri without the dispenser assuming some personal liability.

(3) A pharmacist shall not substitute drug products that are rated as therapeutically inequivalent to other pharmaceutically equivalent products as listed in the latest edition or cumulative supplement of The Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations published by the United States Government, Department of Health and Human Services.


20 CSR 2220-3.040 Return and Reuse of Drugs and Devices

PURPOSE: This rule sets guidelines for the return and reuse of drugs and devices.

(1) Pharmacists and pharmacies shall not accept from patients or their agents for reuse or resale any drugs, prescribed medications, chemicals, poisons or medical devices unless otherwise provided for in this regulation.

(2) A pharmacist or pharmacy may receive and reuse drugs from long-term care facilities, hospitals, and hospice facilities (as regulated by the Department of Health and Senior Services, in 19 CSR 30-35.020 Hospices Providing Direct Care in a Hospice Facility), provided that the following conditions are met:

(A) The pharmacist has assurance from a person in responsible charge of the drugs at a facility delineated in this section that the drugs being returned have been stored in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations and meet U.S.P. standards;

(B) The drugs were originally dispensed by the pharmacist or pharmacy to the facility delineated in section (2);

(C) There is an established mechanism to trace the expiration date and the manufacturer’s lot number of the drugs being returned;

(D) Only drug products dispensed by a licensed pharmacy utilizing one (1) of the following sources may be reused and no drug products for reuse shall be in any way subject to further repackaging:

1. Drug products in the original manufacturer’s packaging that remains sealed in tamper-evident packaging;

2. Drug products repackaged by facilities that are federally registered as a repacker of medications and the packaging remains sealed in tamper-evident packaging;
3. Drug products that have been repackaged by a licensed pharmacy and are returned unused by the facility and remain sealed in tamper-evident packaging;

4. Drug products that have been repackaged by a licensed pharmacy and are provided in unit of use packaging whereby unused portions can be separated and reused without any further repackaging processes necessary on the returned product; and

(E) Any products that are accepted for return and can be reused based on standards provided in this rule shall be re-labeled to provide accurate information concerning patient and prescription information. Original lot numbers, expiration or beyond-use-dates assigned to a product that is reused by a pharmacy shall not be altered or in any way updated.

(3) Pharmacists and pharmacies may return to stock prescriptions that have not been received by the patient and shall delete the dispensing from the pharmacy’s records and reverse the claim with the third party payor, if applicable. In order for a product to be returned to stock, it must have been stored at all times at the manufacturer’s labeled storage requirements. The drug must be maintained in the patient container with the dispensing date, prescription number, and name of drug visible. The expiration date of the drug shall become the lesser of one (1) year from the dispensing date on the label or the manufacturer’s original expiration date, if known.
