

ATTENTION FLORIDA PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

SUMMARY: Effective immediately, if you do not want a prescription for Levothyroxine Sodium (Synthroid, Levoxyl, Levothroid, Unithroid) to be substituted with a generic equivalent by the filling pharmacist, you must write: "Medically Necessary" on the prescription. See below for details.

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DETAILS: On January 28, 2008, the Division of Administrative Hearings entered a summary final order in the matter of *Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. vs. Department of Health, Board of Medicine and Board of Pharmacy*, Case No. 07-3704RX wherein the Boards were ordered to remove Levothyroxine Sodium from the Florida Negative Drug Formulary. As a result of this summary final order, the Board of Pharmacy voted, at its April 8-9, 2008 board meeting, to remove Levothyroxine Sodium from the Florida Negative Drug Formulary. The matter is currently under appeal by Abbott Laboratories before the First District Court of Appeal.

Pursuant to section 465.025(6)(b), *Florida Statutes* (F.S.), the Board of Pharmacy notice to the manager of the prescription department for each permitted community pharmacy located in this state and each registered nonresident pharmacy. Each board that regulates practitioners licensed by the laws of the state to prescribe drugs is noticed that Levothyroxine Sodium has been removed from the Florida Negative Drug Formulary. Pursuant to section 465.025(6)(b), F.S., each board that regulates practitioners licensed by the laws of the state to prescribe drugs must incorporate the Florida Negative Drug Formulary into its rules.

If the pending appeal results in any further changes, you will be notified immediately.