

SB 875 -- INTERCHANGEABLE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

This bill allows a pharmacist filling a prescription order for a brand name biological product to select a less expensive interchangeable biological product if the substitute has been approved by the FDA to be an interchangeable biological product, the prescriber has communicated that an interchangeable biological product may be substituted, and the pharmacist informs the patient. Within five days of dispensing a biological product, the pharmacist must communicate the name and manufacturer of the product to the prescriber, unless there is no FDA approved interchangeable biological product or a refill prescription is not changed from the product dispensed on the prior filling. The Board of Pharmacy must maintain a link on its website to a current list of all biological products determined by the FDA to be interchangeable with a specific biological product.