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POLICY SUBJECT:

Interchange of Generic Drugs

PURPOSE:

To ensure the timely access to therapeutically equivalent generic products in the facilities of Southern Health-Santé Sud.

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE:

Executive Limitation (EL-2) Treatment of Clients

POLICY:

All generic drugs approved by Health Canada will automatically be considered interchangeable with the brand equivalent for use in Southern Health-Santé Sud facilities.

PROCEDURE:

Regional Pharmacy & Therapeutics and/or Regional Medical Advisory Council may override this interchangeable status for a particular generic drug if it can be shown to be unsuitable for interchangeability. The prescriber indicates "NO SUBSTITUTION" on the order.

This procedure supplements the Manitoba Drug Interchangeability Formulary process to ensure timely access to cost saving generic drugs.