

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Pharmacy

(Amended at ARRS Committee)

201 KAR 2:116. Substitution of drugs, biologics, and biosimilar products.

RELATES TO: KRS 217.819, 217.822

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 217.814(5), (6), (7), (8), 217.819(1), 315.191

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This is to certify that this administrative regulation complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB 6, Section 8.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 217.819(1) requires the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to prepare by administrative regulation a nonequivalent drug product formulary of drugs which should not be interchanged by pharmacists. KRS 217.822 authorizes pharmacists to dispense interchangeable drug products and biological products. This administrative regulation references drug products with active ingredients or dosage forms that are interchangeable, and all other products not referenced as interchangeable are non-interchangeable.

Section 1. The following have been determined by the board to be interchangeable:

- (1) Drugs, drug products, or dosage formulations considered by the United States Food and Drug Administration to be therapeutically equivalent as published in the Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (Orange Book);
- (2) Biologics drugs, biologics drug products, or biologics dosage formulations considered by the United States Food and Drug Administration to be therapeutically equivalent as published in the Database of Licensed Biological Products with Reference Product Exclusivity and Biosimilarity or Interchangeability Evaluations (Purple Book) available at <https://purplebooksearch.fda.gov/>; and
- (3) Animal drug products considered by the United States Food and Drug Administration to be therapeutically equivalent as published in the Approved Animal Drug Products (Green Book) updated monthly, and available at <https://animaldrugsatfda.fda.gov/adafda/views/#!/search>.

Section 2. Incorporation by Reference.

- (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:
 - (a) "Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations," (Orange Book), U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 46th Edition, 2026;
 - (b) "Database of Licensed Biological Products with Reference Product Exclusivity and Biosimilarity or Interchangeability Evaluations" (Purple Book), United States Food and Drug Administration, 2026; and
 - (c) "Approved Animal Drug Products," (Green Book), U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 2026.
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