



According to Florida State Law¹...

A pharmacist shall dispense a generic equivalent drug...



- **unless** the prescriber **writes the words “Medically Necessary,”** in her or his own handwriting, on the face of a written prescription;
- **unless**, in the case of an oral prescription, the prescriber **expressly indicates** to the pharmacist that the brand name drug prescribed is **“Medically Necessary;”**
- **or unless** in the case of a prescription that is electronically generated and transmitted, the prescriber **makes an overt act** when transmitting the prescription to indicate that the brand name drug prescribed is medically necessary. When done in conjunction with the electronic transmission of the prescription, the prescriber’s overt act indicates to the pharmacist that the brand name drug prescribed is **“Medically Necessary.”**

Synthroid[®]
(levothyroxine sodium tablets, USP)
Protect Your Prescription

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Indication and Important Safety Information²

- Synthroid is indicated as replacement or supplemental therapy for primary, secondary, tertiary, and subclinical hypothyroidism. Synthroid is not indicated for transient hypothyroidism during recovery from subacute thyroiditis.
- **Thyroid hormones, including Synthroid, either alone or with other therapeutic agents, should not be used for the treatment of obesity or for weight loss. In euthyroid patients, doses within the range of daily hormonal requirements are ineffective for weight reduction. Larger doses may produce serious or even life-threatening manifestations of toxicity, particularly when given in association with sympathomimetic amines such as those used for their anorectic effects.**
- Levothyroxine is contraindicated in patients with untreated subclinical or overt thyrotoxicosis, acute myocardial infarction, uncorrected adrenal insufficiency, or with hypersensitivity to any of the inactive tablet ingredients.
- Levothyroxine should not be used in the treatment of male or female infertility unless this condition is associated with hypothyroidism.
- Use with caution in patients with underlying cardiovascular disease.
- Adverse reactions associated with levothyroxine therapy are primarily those of hyperthyroidism due to therapeutic overdosage. If a patient experiences any unusual symptoms, a healthcare provider should be contacted.

Reference: 1. The 2007 Florida Statutes, Title XXXII, Chapter 465.025 Substitution of drugs. Available at: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch0465/SEC025.HTM&Title=>2007->Ch0465->Section%20025#0465.025 Accessed February 28, 2008.
2. Synthroid package insert, Abbott Laboratories.



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