



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**Department of Public Health**

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# **Drug Formulary Commission**

**Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality  
Department of Public Health  
August 17, 2017**



- Review of May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Non-Opioid Pain Management List
- Draft Formulary Regulations and Guidance
  - 105 CMR 720: *Drug Formulary Commission (FKA: List of Interchangeable Drug Products)*
- Next Steps



Section 4 of Chapter 52 of the Acts of 2016 amends Section 13 of Chapter 17 of the General Laws to require the Drug Formulary Commission, by September 1, 2016, to publish and distribute, a list of:

- FDA approved, non-opioid drug products;
- That are effective pain management alternatives; and
- Have a lesser potential for abuse than Schedule II and III opioid drug products
- By September 1, 2016
- And annually thereafter

It is now time for the first annual update.



# Promulgation of Regulation and Formulary

## History

- Proposed 105 CMR 720, *List of Interchangeable Drug Products*, including draft formulary, as redrafted, to the Public Health Council (PHC) (11/9/2016)
- Public hearing held on proposed changes to regulation (1/19/2017)
- DPH staff reviewed comments and further amended, including the addition of several new DFC approved IADs.
- Public hearing held on proposed changes to regulation (7/7/2017)
- PHC promulgated 105 CMR 720, *Drug Formulary Commission (f.k.a. List of Interchangeable Drug Products)*, including draft formulary (8/9/2017)

## Next Steps

- Review by Secretary of State → Regulation becomes effective.
- Issue guidance, including special substitution considerations, and the requirements and process of substitution.
- Conduct prescriber education on abuse deterrent substitutes.



## Formulary Guidance Background

- This draft formulary is a tool for prescribers when continuing and initiating the treatment of pain.
- Guidance will be issued on the same day the regulation, including the draft formulary, becomes effective.
- “No Substitution”
- The following items on a Schedule II prescription may not be changed by a pharmacist, pursuant to applicable DEA rules:
  - Name of Patient
  - Name of the Drug
  - Name of the Prescriber
  - Date of the Prescription



## Tentative 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Schedule

- September 21, 2017
- October 19, 2017
- November 16, 2017
- December 21, 2017
- January 18, 2018
- February 15, 2018
- March 15, 2018
- April 19, 2018 (school vacation)



- Meeting Recap
- Next Steps
- Next Meeting – September 21, 2017
  - 9:00AM to 12:00PM
  - @ 250 Washington Street (Boston, MA)