

**UPDATED SUMMARY  
SENATE BILL 15-192**

**First Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly**

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*This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.*

The bill authorizes a licensed pharmacist to provide therapeutic alternate drug selections, either a therapeutic interchange selection or a therapeutically equivalent selection, as those terms are defined, to a patient if, during the patient's stay at a licensed nursing care facility or a long-term acute care hospital, the selection has been approved:

- ! In accordance with written guidelines and procedures for making therapeutic alternate drug selections as developed by the nursing care facility or the long-term acute care hospital; and
- ! By a licensed physician, a licensed physician assistant under the supervision of a licensed physician, or a licensed nurse registered as an advanced practice nurse and authorized to prescribe controlled substances or prescription drugs who has ~~entered into a written agreement to collaborate with a licensed physician~~ *developed an articulated plan to maintain ongoing collaboration with physicians and other health care professionals.*

If a licensed nursing care facility or a long-term acute care hospital has an existing quality assessment and assurance committee of which a licensed pharmacist is a member, the bill authorizes the committee to develop a facility formulary with written guidelines and procedures for making therapeutic interchange and therapeutically equivalent selections from the formulary. If a nursing care facility or a long-term acute care hospital does not have an existing quality assessment and assurance committee of which a licensed pharmacist is a member, the bill authorizes the facility to form such a committee and develop a facility formulary with written guidelines and procedures for making therapeutic interchange and therapeutically equivalent selections from the formulary.