

Introduced by Senator Margett

February 13, 2003

An act to amend Section 4600.1 of the Labor Code, relating to workers' compensation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 223, as introduced, Margett. Workers' compensation: generic drugs.

Existing law requires a pharmacy that provides medicines and medical supplies that are required to cure or relieve effects of an injury covered by workers' compensation to provide the generic drug equivalent, if available, unless the prescribing physician provides otherwise in writing.

This bill would extend this requirement to hospitals, clinics, and physicians.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4600.1 of the Labor Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 4600.1. Any pharmacy, *hospital, clinic, or physician*
- 4 providing medicines and medical supplies required by Section
- 5 4600 shall provide the generic drug equivalent, if a generic drug
- 6 equivalent is available, unless the prescribing physician
- 7 specifically provides otherwise in writing.

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