

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.17709 Definitions; S to W.**

Sec. 17709. (1) "Sign" means to affix one's signature manually to a document or to use an electronic signature when transmitting a prescription electronically.

(2) "Sterile pharmaceutical" means a dosage form of a drug that is essentially free from living microbes and chemical or physical contamination to the point at which it poses no present risk to the patient, in accordance with USP standards. As used in this subsection, "dosage form" includes, but is not limited to, parenteral, injectable, and ophthalmic dosage forms.

(3) "Substitute" means to dispense, without the prescriber's authorization, a different drug in place of the drug prescribed.

(4) "USP standards" means the pharmacopeial standards for drug substances, dosage forms, and compounded preparations based on designated levels of risk as published in the official compendium.

(5) "Wholesale distributor" means a person, other than a manufacturer, who supplies, distributes, sells, offers for sale, barter, or otherwise disposes of, to other persons for resale, compounding, or dispensing, a drug or device salable on prescription only that the distributor has not prepared, produced, derived, propagated, compounded, processed, packaged, or repackaged, or otherwise changed the container or the labeling of the drug or device.

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