

# CHANGE IS ON THE HORIZON...



*California agriculture is leading the nation in efforts to reduce antibiotic resistance by ensuring responsible use of antibiotics while maintaining our ability to provide timely care to livestock and a quality product to consumers.*

## **PLAN AHEAD!**

Injectable and all other medically important antibiotics must be administered with a prescription or veterinary feed directive (VFD) ordered by a licensed veterinarian thru a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR)

Over the counter antibiotics will still be available at licensed retail stores with a prescription

Use of all medically important antibiotics for growth promotion will be specifically prohibited

## **ANTIMICROBIAL USE AND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

*The state program will provide voluntary antimicrobial stewardship guidelines and best management practices. California Animal Health Monitoring System will survey antibiotic use and resistance patterns on a voluntary basis. (All information gathered will be held confidential per the statutory provisions of the law, including from FOIA or PRA requests.)*

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# What is the difference between the VFD and this change?



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Source	Federal Law	California Law
Drugs	Medically Important Antimicrobials	Same
Formulations	In feed and water	All (injectable, intra-mammary, feed, water, etc)
New Systems	Feed: VFD w/VCPR Water: Rx w/VCPR	Rx or VFD w/VCPR
Indications	Treatment, control and prevention	Same
Limitations	No use for growth promotion or feed efficiency	Same, plus preventative use in a regular pattern
Effective Date	Jan 1, 2017	<b>Jan 1, 2018</b>

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