



April 28, 2009

Minnesota Board of Pharmacy
2829 University Avenue Southeast
Suite 530
Minneapolis, MN 55414-3251

RE: Reporting of Payments made to Practitioners in Calendar Year 2008

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is in response to the Office Memorandum from Executive Director Cody Wildberg, PharmD RPH, relating to payments made by “wholesale drug distributors” to Practitioners in Calendar Year 2008. In accordance with that memorandum, this shall advise that **Actavis South Atlantic LLC** (13800 N.W. 2nd St., Ste. 190, Sunrise FL) **Actavis Mid Atlantic LLC** (1877 Kawai Road, Lincolnton NC & 7205 Windsor Blvd., Baltimore, MD) **Actavis Totowa LLC** (4 Taft Road, Totowa NJ) and **Actavis Elizabeth LLC** (200 Elmora Ave., Elizabeth NJ) have not made any payments to licensed practitioners in Minnesota during 2008.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at 973-889-6960 or via e-mail at ssanles@actavis.com.

Sincerely yours,

Silvia Sanlés
Supervisor, Regulatory Affairs

Office Memorandum

TO: Legal Affairs Department
Minnesota Licensed Drug Wholesalers
Minnesota Licensed Drug Manufacturers

FROM: Cody Wiberg, PharmD, RPh
Executive Director

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SUBJECT: **Reporting of Payments made to Practitioners in Calendar Year 2008**

The 1993 Minnesota Legislature passed a bill requiring each "wholesale drug distributor" to file, with the Board of Pharmacy, an annual report identifying certain payments, honoraria, reimbursement, and other compensation paid to licensed practitioners in Minnesota during the preceding calendar year. The report requires companies to identify the nature and value of certain payments, totaling \$100 or more, to a particular practitioner during the year. See Minnesota Statutes 151.461, (3) - (5) and 151.47, subd. 1 (f). The payments that must be reported are:

- ◆ a payment to the sponsor of a medical conference, professional meeting, or other educational program, provided the payment is not made directly to a practitioner and is used solely for bona fide educational purposes;
- ◆ reasonable honoraria and payment of the reasonable expenses of a practitioner who serves on the faculty at a professional or educational conference or meeting;
- ◆ compensation for the substantial professional or consulting services of a practitioner in connection with a genuine research project.

Gifts to practitioners do not have to be reported but must not exceed, in aggregate, \$50 per year. Additional information can be obtained on our website at: www.phcybrd.state.mn.us/forms/giftsfaq.pdf.

If your company has not made any of the above-mentioned payments to Minnesota practitioners, please send a letter to the address listed below, confirming that fact.

If your company has made payments, please visit the Board's website and download a copy of the Excel spreadsheet reporting form. The web address is:
www.phcybrd.state.mn.us/forms/gifts.xls.

Please complete the spreadsheet and either attach it to an e-mail and send it to the Board at Pharmacy.Board@state.mn.us or burn it onto a CD-ROM and mail it to the address listed below. The spreadsheet must be submitted to us by **May 1, 2009**. Please contact the Board office if you are unable to provide the data in the Excel format or if you need other assistance.

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