

Office Memorandum

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Minnesota Licensed Drug Wholesalers
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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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