

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 8:43 AM
To: PRESCRIBED PRODUCTS
Subject: Public Hearing on Disclosures of Free Samples Given to Health Care Providers

Dear Sir and Madame, My name is Kenneth Borie and I am a Board Certified Family Physician practicing in Randolph Vermont since 1980. For this entire time, I have taken free samples from Pharmaceutical representatives. I would like to continue to do so. Randolph is not a wealthy town. I have many poor patients who have no insurance and many who have insurance but their prescription plan has a high deductible. The samples I give out are an ENORMOUS FINANCIAL HELP to this subset of people that I see as patients. I have even give samples to Medicaid beneficiaries because Medicaid will only pay for certain drugs in each class (for example, antidepressants). Please note, I usually do not speak to the representatives. In fact, one joked recently "you only see me for my samples." Thank you for reading this. Respectfully, Ken Borie, DO