

Under Massachusetts law, a pharmaceutical manufacturing company may not provide or pay for a meal to a Health Care Practitioner outside of the office or hospital setting.

For purposes of this law, a MA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER includes ALL of the following individuals:

- A prescriber licensed in the State of Massachusetts, including but not limited to an Advanced Practice Nurse, Certified Nurse-Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Nurse Mental Health Clinical Specialist, Dentist, Optometrist, Physician, Physician Assistant, Podiatrist, or
- A person employed by a Medical Group, Private Medical Practice, Staff Model HMO, or other group or person who prescribes prescription drugs and is licensed in the State of Massachusetts (except hospitals or nursing homes).

Note: For example, this would include office staff at a clinical study site whose regular employment responsibilities are related to or support the provision of patient care (e.g., billing, scheduling).

If you are a MA Health Care Practitioner, Massachusetts law allows you to enjoy meals as part of this event if you pay fair market value for them. We have determined that the Fair Market Value for the meals provided is \$27 and we are collecting this amount from you as part of your registration to cover the cost of your meal in accordance with Massachusetts law.

We appreciate your understanding and your assistance in compliance with state law.

- "yes, I am a MA Health Care Practitioner"
- "no, I am not a MA Health Care Practitioner "



Under Vermont law, a pharmaceutical manufacturing company may not provide a free meal to individuals defined as VT Health Care Providers.

For purposes of this law, a VT HEALTH CARE PROVIDER includes ALL of the following individuals:

- A person licensed to prescribe products or authorized to recommend prescribed products (including a licensed clinical social worker or a licensed psychologist);
- A person lawfully providing health care in Vermont;
- A person working for a partnership or corporation made up of individuals described in 1 or 2, including nursing and front office staff; or
- Any person authorized to dispense or purchase for distribution prescribed products in Vermont, including pharmacists or health benefit plan administrators.

Note: For example, this would include office staff at a clinical study site whose regular employment responsibilities are related to or support the provision of patient care (e.g., billing, scheduling).

If you are a VT Health Care Provider, Vermont law allows you to enjoy meals as part of this event if you pay fair market value for them. We have determined that the Fair Market Value for the meals provided is \$27 and we are collecting this amount from you as part of your registration to cover the cost of your meal in accordance with Vermont law.

We appreciate your understanding and your assistance in compliance with state law.

- "yes, I am a VT Health Care Provider"
- "no, I am not a VT Health Care Provider "



Registration for Health Care Providers

Upon registration:

Please make your check for \$27.00 payable to Merck Research Laboratories

Mail to:

Diane Simmons
Merck Research Laboratories
BMB11-100
Boston, MA 02115

**Payment is due no later than January 4, 2010. We are unable to accept checks on the day of the event.*

Thank you for your cooperation.

