

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2009 1:31 PM  
**To:** PRESCRIBED PRODUCTS  
**Subject:** Please dont do anything to stop free samples to doctors

Dear Attorney General

I am writing to ask you to please not do anything to stop physicans from taking fee pharmaceutical samples. I am a working Vermonter who pays 389.00 a month thru Blue Cross Blue Shield for my health care, this does NOT come with a prescription rider. My right knee had to have both meniscus removed 3 years ago, after that I was bone on bone. I was okay for a while but recently the pain had gotten so bad I went to see Dr Landfish up in St Albans, he told me that I needed to lose weight before I could be recommended for a knee replacement. That was in April 2009, since than I have lost 52 lbs and I went back to see Dr Landfish and he wanted to give me hyalgan injections and Blue Cross/Blue Shield wouldn't cover the cost of the shots that are 300 dollars a piece and I needed 3. When he realized that my insurance wouldn't pay for the shots he gave me the shots that were samples. I cant begin to tell you how much better I am. No more pain in my knee and I dont have to ride in the electric scooters in the stores anymore so I can actually get some exercise to go with my weight loss. Please Please Please dont stop physicans from getting free samples and please dont make it so hard for them to accept them that they wont want to take them, it would be a grave disservice to those of us who cant afford the horrible high prices of pharmaceuticals that we desperately need.

Thank you  
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