Statement Responding to Questions on Voluntary Lipitor Contracting Programs

The Senators’ letter is based upon an earlier article that contained incomplete and incorrect information about our Lipitor programs. We want the public to understand the facts.

Our intent is to offer Lipitor to payers and patients at or below the cost of a generic during the 180-day period. As a result, patients receive Lipitor at co-pays comparable to generics.

Participation in Pfizer’s programs by a health plan is entirely voluntary. It is not imposed on any plan either by Pfizer or their PBM.

We have contracted with PBMs and health plans that serve Medicare Part D patients. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) considers all rebates received directly or indirectly from pharmaceutical manufacturers to be price decreases that reduce the drug costs incurred by Part D plans.