

[Insert date]

[Insert name]

[Insert organization name]

[Insert city, state, zip]

Dear [Insert name]:

It has recently come to my attention that *[insert organization]* is preparing to switch my patient, *[insert patient name/ID]*, who is currently taking Lipitor<sup>®</sup> (atorvastatin calcium) Tablets to a generic in order to contain costs. There is much more at risk than cost containment and financial gains. I have been practicing medicine for over *[insert number of years]* and my patients have put their trust in me.

As a clinician who has followed clinical guidelines and utilized sound medical judgment to provide quality health care to my patients, I find it difficult to provide a solid logical explanation as to why they are being switched from their established therapy for non-medical reasons.

I believe this switch for cost reasons alone will undermine the clinical judgment that went into the decision to prescribe Lipitor for this patient. When a patient who has been taking Lipitor therapy is switched to a generic statin, I may need to reevaluate their entire profile, perform additional lab work, conduct additional monitoring and assess for side effects of other potential interactions. These additional requirements will inconvenience the patient and may negatively impact their compliance

Therefore, I am asking you not to force a change from a well-established treatment regimen like Lipitor for cost considerations alone.

Sincerely,

[Insert name]