

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICIAL CODE
TITLE 48. FOOD AND DRUGS
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CHAPTER 8C. Medication Advisory Committees**

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§ 48-842.01. Short title

This chapter may be cited as the "Medication Advisory Committee Receiving Gifts or Remuneration Prohibition Act of 2008."

§ 48-842.02. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter, the term:

(1) "Medication advisory committee" means any committee or panel that is responsible for making recommendations or decisions regarding a formulary to be used by a health program administered by the government of the District of Columbia.

(2) "Pharmaceutical company" means any entity that is engaged in, either directly or indirectly, the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, manufacturing, conversion or processing of a drug or biological product, including any person acting as its agent or representative.

§ 48-842.03. Prohibition on gifts and remuneration

(a) A pharmaceutical company shall not offer a gift or remuneration of any kind to a member of a medication advisory committee.

(b) A member of a medication advisory committee shall not accept a gift or remuneration of any kind from a pharmaceutical company.

(c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the offering or acceptance of medication samples to members of a medication advisory committee who are licensed physicians engaged in the practice of medicine.

§ 48-842.04. Penalties