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Dear [Title] [Surname],

**Re: Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs) – Changing between different manufacturers’ products**

We are currently reviewing the use of antiepileptic medicines in line with recent MHRA guidance (Appendix 1). These drugs are used to treat epilepsy and other conditions such as nerve pain. We have found that you have been prescribed a branded product called [insert name] to treat epilepsy.

Your doctor is considering changing your medicine to a generic (unbranded) version but this will only happen where it is appropriate for you, so please don’t worry that your medicine will be changed without you being involved.

**Please make an appointment with your doctor/practice pharmacist to discuss this proposed switch from branded to generic medicine.**

You will be able to talk to your doctor/practice pharmacist about whether it is right for you, based upon your condition and past treatment.

**Yours sincerely**

Dr [Name] and partners

Appendix 1



