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Attachments: CVS Health Opioid Response Press Release 9_21_17 FINAL.pdf

This will be done in SC initially in Horry and Greenville Counties. They still are working on our law enforcement dropbox program.

From: Herring, Courtney

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:48 AM

To: Danny Varat

Cc: Charlie Rountree

Subject: CVS Opioid Announcement

Danny,

Thank you for taking our call this morning. Please see the information below and press release attached. Let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Courtney Herring Regional Director, Government Affairs

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I wanted to make you aware of an important announcement today by CVS Health that significantly enhances our efforts to address the nation's opioid epidemic. These initiatives are company-wide and utilize all of our channels to help reduce the number of opioids that are dispensed as well as to encourage the removal of unnecessary medications from homes.

Key components of our approach include:

expanding our drug disposal collection program, with the addition of kiosks at 750 CVS retail pharmacies nationwide, adding to the more than 800 units previously donated to law enforcement;

strengthening counseling for patients filling an opioid prescription;

enhancing utilization management through our pharmacy benefit manager, CVS Caremark, to encourage clinically appropriate use, consistent with CDC guidelines, including:

- A seven-day limit on the supply of opioids dispensed for certain acute prescriptions for patients who are new to therapy,
- A daily dosage limit of opioids dispensed based on the strength of the opioid, and
- Use of immediate-release formulations of opioids before extended-release opioids are dispensed.

investing \$2 million from the CVS Health Foundation to support Federally-qualified community health centers delivering medication-assisted treatment and other recovery services; and

expanding the reach of our opioid abuse prevention education program, Pharmacists Teach, to parents. To date, the program has reached more than 295,000 teens.

These activities build on CVS Health's longstanding efforts to combat and prevent opioid abuse. We would

welcome the opportunity to discuss today's announcement with you further and to answer any questions you may have about these initiatives and how they build on our existing efforts to address and prevent opioid abuse in your community. Our press release is attached.

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