

June 23, 2009

Kermit R. Crawford  
Senior Vice President of Pharmacy  
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Dear Mr. Crawford:

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the attached materials which describes Walgreens' decision to no longer fill Medicaid prescriptions effective July 6, 2009. SCPD regrets the proposed reduction in Medicaid reimbursement rates but understands the justification based on the State budget and believes that Walgreens must also view the reduction within the context of the overall economy and the State budget shortfall. Therefore, Council is extremely disappointed that Walgreens would not even negotiate a compromise and share the sacrifice like other good corporate citizens. Moreover, Walgreens is being indifferent to the needs of Medicaid beneficiaries while it has enjoyed \$59 billion in total revenue and a net income of \$2.2 billion according to its recent SEC filing in January 2009.

SCPD is charged in 29 Del.C. Section 8210 with the responsibility of proposing and promoting laws, regulations, programs and policies to improve the well-being of persons with disabilities. In an effort to empower individuals with disabilities to become fully integrated in the community, SCPD has worked closely with the Department of Health & Social Services/Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance and has found this agency to be highly committed to promoting programs and service delivery strategies which are in the best interest of individuals with disabilities. This is consistent with its mission to improve the quality of the lives of Delaware's citizens by promoting health and well-being, fostering self-sufficiency, and protecting vulnerable populations. However, according to information on the Walgreens' website (attached), its decision to no longer fill Medicaid prescriptions goes against its own "social responsibility" to "try to do what is fair and beneficial to others", "share our people and resources to support the communities we serve", and conduct outreach efforts revolving "around access to health services".

SCPD encourages Walgreens to reconsider its decision and be consistent with its

stated social responsibility which also includes “caring for our neighbors”.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chair  
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

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