



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: All Rhode Island Pharmacists and Store Managers

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RE: RHODE ISLAND PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE

We wanted to advise you that this morning Stop & Shop filed an antitrust law suit in Federal District Court in Rhode Island charging that the exclusionary practices followed by Blue Cross and its subsidiaries, United Health Care and CVS and its subsidiaries, which prevent Stop & Shop from filling prescriptions for Blue Cross and United Health Care members in Rhode Island, violate the federal antitrust laws.

The filing of the law suit is a continuation of our ongoing efforts to make Stop & Shop pharmacy services fully available to our customers in Rhode Island and is a follow-up to the legislative effort in which many of you participated during the last few months. We will keep you advised of our progress.

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