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Wagey Drug becomes Kohll’s Pharmacy & Homecare effective Feb. 1

Kohl’s Pharmacy & Homecare of Omaha purchased Wagey Drug effective February 1, 2015. Wagey Drug, located at 800 North 27th Street in Lincoln, was first established in 1924 and has remained a trusted community pharmacy for over 90 years. Wagey Drug and Kohll’s Pharmacy share the same core values and both operate with the same goal of providing exceptional patient care and pharmacy knowledge.

Gary Rihanek, RPh and current owner of Wagey Drug since 1973, plans to release ownership of Wagey Drug but remain employed by Kohll’s at the Lincoln pharmacy. “Nothing will be compromised during this transition,” stated Rihanek. “Customer care will remain our top priority. I am very confident in Kohll’s and the additional services they will be able to offer the Lincoln area.”

Kohl’s Pharmacy & Homecare is a third generation pharmacy that is locally owned and operated out of Omaha since 1948. It has seven locations in the Omaha metro and one store in southwest Iowa.

“We are very excited to become a part of the Lincoln community,” said David Kohll, Pharm. D. and owner of Kohll’s Pharmacy & Homecare. “Wagey Drug and Kohll’s Pharmacies are very similar in that they both have been locally owned and operated for more than half a century and continue to provide excellent patient care and expertise on a personal level for our patients. In addition, there is the nice bonus of being able to park at Wagey Drug and walk to N.U. football games!”

Kohl’s will continue to offer the same services Wagey Drug provided, and more. Retail and compounded medications will be available, as well as pre-packaged multi-dose bubble packs for individuals, group homes and elderly facilities. All major insurances will continue to be accepted including Medicare and Medicaid. As Kohll’s Pharmacy, the Lincoln store at 27th and Vine will have a larger selection of medical equipment including a mobility section containing stair glides, electric reclining lift chairs, wheelchairs, scooters, vehicle lifts to transport wheelchairs and scooters, and walk-in tubs. Mastectomy garments will also be available as well as pre and post natal items.

Lincoln residents can expect to see aesthetic changes such as bright, updated awnings and a new electronic sign to the Wagey Drug building by the end of February. The pharmacy will remain open during the ownership transition and a ribbon cutting and open house will be scheduled in the Fall of 2015.

Location with the greatest % participation will win a pizza party.
Pharmacists: Aetna Medicare Part D Drug Plans Plagued with Glitches

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 7, 2015 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers, in an unwelcome New Year's surprise, are discovering that they are unable to fill prescriptions at pharmacies promoted by Aetna/Coventry Part D drug plans listed on the Medicare Plan Finder website used during the 2014 Medicare open enrollment to select a 2015 drug plan.

Incorrect information was posted on Medicare Plan Finder, Aetna websites, and provided to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding which pharmacies were in-network. Thus, beneficiaries may have signed up for Aetna plans believing the pharmacy they wanted to patronize was in-network, when, as Aetna recently acknowledged in a letter to pharmacies, it was not. Medicare open enrollment closed on Dec. 7. This situation has resulted in complications, such as for a 91-year-old patient in a long-term care facility accustomed to home delivery from her local pharmacy, but now forced to find another pharmacy to fill her rescue inhaler.

"Community pharmacists help patients every January with challenges that stem from new or revised health insurance policies. However, this situation is more problematic and complicated for Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Aetna/Coventry drug plans who may feel like the victims of a bait-and-switch," said National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) CEO B. Douglas Hoey, RPh, MBA. "As a result, we encourage Medicare beneficiaries who feel misled to switch drug plans by calling 1-800-Medicare."

Affected beneficiaries can take advantage of a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to choose a new Part D plan, NCPA confirmed with CMS officials. Beneficiaries, or their caregivers, can call 1-800-Medicare and explain to the customer service representative that they need to select a new Part D plan because of inaccurate marketing information that was presented on the Plan Finder website during the 2014 open enrollment period.

"In light of this disruption to beneficiaries and pharmacies, Aetna should honor the prescriptions filled at the plan's 'non-network' pharmacies that were inaccurately reported to be in-network," Hoey added. "Aetna's purported solution to require low-income subsidy beneficiaries to pay the full drug cost, and apply for a one-time reimbursement from the insurance company, is impractical and unacceptable."

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA®) represents the interests of America's community pharmacists, including the owners of nearly 23,000 independent community pharmacies. Together they represent an $88.8 billion health care marketplace, dispense nearly 40% of all retail prescriptions, and employ more than 300,000 individuals, including over 62,000 pharmacists. To learn more go to www.ncpanet.org or read NCPA’s blog, The Dose, at http://ncpanet.wordpress.com/.

SOURCE National Community Pharmacists Association
Dustin Church joins Kohll’s IT department by Joe Bernasek

Please help me welcome Dustin Church to Kohlls. His office is located at Corporate with me. Since we now have two full time employees in IT, I have setup a few things to get IT help.

1. To call the IT help desk and get either Dustin or myself,, please call the Corporate office (402-895-6812) and press 7 immediately when you hear the Auto Attendant greeting. (FYI: There is no greeting announcement telling you to press 7 to get to the help desk.) Pressing 7 works after hours also. NOTE: If you are at the Corp Office you can call the extension 469 to get to the help desk. This Hunt Group for the Help Desk is setup to ring our desk phones and if we are not at our desk it will roll over to our cell phones.

2. You can also reach us via email by sending an email to kohllsit@kohlls.com.

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Verizon Wireless Discount

Kohll's employees and their spouses can get 22% Verizon wireless discount: The link is http://www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/employee/eleuLanding.jsp. Employees will need to set up an online account with Verizon to complete the discount process.

The other way is go to a Verizon store for a Verizon employee to assist.

1. Print and take in a pay stub no older than sixty days.
2. Have the existing personal Verizon cell number and Kohll's individual email address.
3. Bring in a picture ID.

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21 Repeat Deliveries for week of 01/19/15

Awesome Job Everyone! We missed the goal by only 1

Nice Job Papio & 114th — Zero Repeats!
Opti-EPA enteric coated

- Two capsules provides 1 gram of total Omega 3 fatty acids, 660mg of EPA and 340mg of DHA.
- Provided in an enteric coated delivery system to diminish the fishy aftertaste.
- The typical American diet delivers large amounts of saturated fatty acids and the polyunsaturated Omega-6 linoleic arachidonic acids and low levels of Omega-3 fatty acids. This leads to an unhealthy imbalance in inflammation.
- Omega 3 fatty acids provide a natural counterbalance and function as an anti-inflammatory agent.
- Research shows many benefits for Omega-3 fatty acids including: Cardiovascular health and healthy cholesterol metabolism, Joint Health, Prenatal Health, and Neurological Health to name a few.
- EPA is mostly associated with cardiovascular health and anti-inflammatory properties. Whereas, DHA is mainly associated with the structural integrity of neuronal membranes.

Happy Anniversary To You

Dustin Church
Jillian Halterman
Stevie Krutina
Robert Marshall
Lori Martin
Stewart Solsky
Michelle Wickstrom

1 year
Bryan Gesser
Don Reed

5 years
Audrey Moehr

10 years +
Leanne Knoell — 10 years
Laurie Dondelinger — 12 years
All eight of our Midwest locations are tremendously benefitted by Difference Makers and especially by Exceptional Difference Makers.

Difference Makers: Becoming very efficient in both HME and RX

Efficient Rx means:
1. You can or have quickly entered numerous RXs in QS1
2. The RXs are entered accurately.
3. Any adjudication issues are efficiently resolved

Efficient in HME means:
1. You can or have quickly entered numerous TXs in QS1
2. The TXs are entered accurately
3. You understand and follow Medicare/Medicaid regulations
4. You are good at identifying beneficial HME products for patients and physicians.

*Those in bold print are Exceptional Difference Makers*

*Melissa Abboud*
*Alison Bivens*
*Nick Bockoven*
Lisa Bucksbee, RP
*Lindsay Coleman*
Ben DeVries
Marty Feltner, Pharm D.

Christa Hester
*Vera Huckebey*
*Rebecca Johnson*
*Gavin Jorn*
*David Koch*
Emil Kozel

Huong Le
Christen McCauley, Pharm D
Audrey Moehr
Vinh Nguyen
Ann Price
*Maura Rippe*

Miriam Rodriguez
Amanda Scholtes, Pharm D.
Gary Shyken
*Tara Strauss*
*Melody Stephens*

Anthony Teal
Julie Vanek

To be an Exceptional Difference Maker, one must earn significant bonuses each month.

February
Allison Aikman, 2/2
Julie Vanek, 2/2
Eileen Boevreee, 2/3
Wayne Walls, 2/3
Justin Kohll, 2/5
Anthony Teal, 2/8
Amber Heim, 2/9
Charles Zougg Jr, 2/9
Lindsay Sevener, 2/10
Alexis Shaw, 2/11

Kathie Gillett, 2/12
Bryan Parker, 2/13
Audrey Moehr, 2/14
Carrie Lewis, 2/14
John Streit, 2/18
Maura Rippe, 2/18
Mark Ferrell, 2/19
Jeannie Brown, 2/21
Melody Stephens, 2/21
Stacy Niemi, 2/26

March
Dori Estee-Morong, 3/4
Candace Engel, 3/6
Kevin Strong, 3/13
Amanda Pires, 3/16
Alexis Dickerson, 3/20
Katie Kerl, 3/21

Michelle Wickstrom, 3/23
Allen Kurland, 3/24
Miriam Rodriguez, 3/25
Vinh Nguyen, 3/28
Thomas Keck, 3/29
Eric Bernstein, 3/30

Happy Birthday To You
Thank you David and Justin for a great party at Sempeck’s!
Welcome Wagey Employees!

- Sharon Bell: Delivery
- Kristen Brunk: Cashier
- Po Chang: Pharmacist
- Daniel Dailey: Pharmacist
- Brenda Dolezal: Pharmacist
- Randy Failor: Delivery
- David Fee: Pharmacy Technician
- Matthew Franck: Delivery
- Rebekah Franck: Pharmacy Technician
- Yasamin Gharineh: Cashier
- Christy Charineh: Cashier
- James Gruhn: Delivery
- Thomas Heidelk: Pharmacist
- Brooke Herchenbach: Pharmacy Technician
- Darci Hutchens: Pharmacist
- Christy Jefferson: Pharmacy Technician
- Andrew Jensen: Pharmacy Technician
- Daniel Keller: Pharmacist
- Judith Keller: Pharmacist
- Mitchell Mazur: Pharmacy Technician
- Melody Peterson: Accounts Receivable
- Andy Phan: Inventory / Technician
- Gary Rihanek: Pharmacist
- Carrie Scheel: Cashier
- Sarah Scholl: DME billing/recon
- Mary Snocker: Pharmacist
- Patricia Snocker: Pharmacy Technician
- Aaron Snocker: Pharmacy Technician
- Kimberly Strop: Pharmacy Technician
- Ryan Swihart: Pharmacy Technician
- Marjorie Thompson: Filing Clerk
- Brett Weber: Pharmacy Technician
- Mark Wilkening: Delivery
Staff Appreciation Luncheon for Gary & Pam Rihanek at Wagey Drug January 28th