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Statement from Pharmacists Society of the State of New York RE: Proposed CVS-Aetna Merger

Albany, NY (December 8, 2017) The merger between CVS Health and Aetna will not help patients, as it purports, nor will it improve health outcomes or generate cost savings. It will decrease patient choice. It will put CVS Health/AETNA in the position of determining where a patient can go for care, which medications are available to the patient, and how much those medications will cost, severely limiting a patient's right to make his or her own choices in the personal matter of health care. A healthcare organization presiding over more than 20 million lives should never have that much power over an individual's health care or shaping of the overall healthcare delivery system. In the consolidation of primary care, insurance and pharmacy there's no oversight, no accountability and no room for a second opinion.

The Pharmacists Society of the State of New York (PSSNY) has served as the society for the state's pharmacists for more than 138 years. Its mission is to unite pharmacists for mutual assistance, encouragement, and improvement in order to maintain the standard of pharmacy practice at a high professional and ethical level. To learn more about PSSNY, visit www.PSSNY.org.



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