

Bergen Brunswig Announces Contract Expansion with CVS ProCare Pharmacy

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Orange, CA - January 23, 2001 - Bergen Brunswig Drug Company (BBDC), a subsidiary of Bergen Brunswig Corporation (NYSE: BBC), today announced an expansion of its relationship with CVS ProCare Pharmacy Inc. - the fastest growing segment of CVS - expanding their existing five-year agreement, which has been in effect for six months.

Under terms of the contract amendment, which is expected to generate \$150 million in incremental new business the first year and to exceed \$1.6 billion over the life on the contract, Bergen will provide pharmaceuticals to ProCare's retail apothecary business. Bergen currently supplies pharmaceuticals to ProCare's mail service pharmacy.

"We are excited that ProCare has chosen to expand their relationship with Bergen to become their primary provider to all of their facilities, including retail and mail order," said David Neu, president, BBDC Retail.

This partnership commenced in September when, as part of ProCare's purchase of Stadtlander, Bergen agreed to provide pharmaceuticals to both ProCare and Stadtlander.

"The way in which Bergen handled the transition of Stadtlander to ProCare exceeded our expectations and we look forward to continuing our relationship," said Dennis Burton, president of CVS ProCare.

ProCare will also take advantage of Bergen's high valued and successful programs, including Generic Purchasing Program (GPP) and Interlinx™ reporting.

CVS ProCare, a division of CVS Corporation, was created to support complex and expensive drug therapies for conditions such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, organ and bone marrow transplant and other disease states requiring biotechnology-based drugs. CVS ProCare currently operates two mail service pharmacies and 46 ProCare apothecaries in urban areas across the nation.

Bergen Brunswig Corporation, headquartered in Orange County, California, is a leading supplier of pharmaceuticals and specialty healthcare products, as well as information management solutions and consulting services. Bergen's customers include the nation's healthcare providers (hospitals, nursing homes and physicians), drug stores, manufacturers and patients. Through its subsidiaries, Bergen provides product distribution; logistics; pharmacy management programs; and Internet fulfillment strategies designed to reduce costs and improve patient outcomes across the entire healthcare spectrum.

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