GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director

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Subject: Alliance Pharmacy Program- Transition from Unity Health Care Pharmacies to the District of Columbia Pharmacy Provider (DCPP) Network

The purpose of this Transmittal is to inform you of significant changes upcoming in the District of Columbia's Alliance Pharmacy Program. All Unity Health Care <u>pharmacies</u> will cease operation on September 21, 2013. Alliance members will no longer be able to obtain medications from the Unity pharmacies after September 21, 2013.

Unity Health Care Clinics will continue to provide clinical services to Alliance beneficiaries and remain fully operational. <u>The Unity clinics are not affected by the closure of the pharmacies</u>.

Please be advised that effective October 1, 2013, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) will use a dedicated pharmacy network to dispense formulary medications to Alliance members. There are currently twenty-five (25) network pharmacies participating in the District of Columbia Pharmacy Provider (DCPP) Network. The network pharmacies are located throughout the city with representation in each ward and many have extended evening and weekend business hours. A list of the DCPP Network pharmacies is attached to this transmittal.

Only those pharmacies participating in the new District of Columbia Pharmacy Provider (DCPP) Network will be able to fill prescriptions for Alliance members.

In order for this process to be effectively implemented, your support is crucial. We strongly encourage you to assist your Alliance patients make a successful transition by committing to the following timeline:

Beginning July 15: 90-Day "Bridge Supply" of Medications

Please provide a prescription for a <u>90-day supply</u> of long-term medication(s) (where appropriate) for your Alliance patient beginning on July 15 through September 30, 2013. Prescriptions for narcotics should be distributed at the discretion of the prescribing physician. Narcotics can continue to be prescribed in 30-day supplies.

Please Note: DHCF will allow this 90-day prescription to be filled at one of the remaining Unity pharmacies to assure uninterrupted medication therapy and to permit Alliance members sufficient time to select a new pharmacy provider.

Hospitals and Nursing facilities

Between July 15 and September 30, any Alliance beneficiary being discharged from a hospital or nursing facility should receive a prescription for a 90-day supply of long-term medication(s). Prescriptions for narcotics should be distributed at the discretion of the prescribing physician. Narcotics can continue to be prescribed in 30-day supplies.

Closing Schedule for Unity Health Care Pharmacies

August 2, 2013

The Unity Pharmacies located at Congress Heights and Hunt Place will close.

<u>August 30, 2013</u> The Unity Pharmacy located at Walker Jones will close.

<u>September 21, 2013</u> The Unity Pharmacy located at <u>Kennedy Street</u> (Upper Cardozo) will close.

September 22 through September 30

During the week of September 22 through September 30, 2013, Alliance beneficiaries may obtain their medications through their assigned Managed Care Organization's (MCO's) network of pharmacies. Information on the MCO's pharmacy network can be obtained from the MCO's respective Member Services department.

Beginning October 1, 2013

On or after October 1, 2013, you may call in, fax or e-prescribe new 30-day prescriptions to any one of the DCPP Network pharmacies selected by your patient from the list attached to this transmittal.

If you have any further questions regarding the new **District of Columbia Pharmacy Provider** (**DCPP**) **Network** program, please feel free to contact either:

- Charlene Fairfax, RPh, Senior Pharmacist at (202) 442-9076 or <u>charlene.fairfax@dc.gov</u>
- Gidey Amare, RPh, Pharmacist at (202) 442-5952 or gidey.amare@dc.gov.

Enclosure

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DOH Pharmacy Network

For an updated list, please visit http:/doh.dc.gov/HAHSTA, look for "News, Hot Topics and Updates" and click on "New ADAP Pharmacies"

1. AIDS Healthcare Foundation

Blair Underwood Healthcare Center 2141 K Street NW, Suite 606 – RX Washington, DC 20037 Phone: 202/293-8695 Fax: 202/293-8699 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM Closed for Lunch 12 PM – 1 PM Closed Saturday & Sunday

2. Alpha Peoples Drug Store

1638 R Street, NW Suite 1 Washington, DC 20009 Phone: 202/265-7979 Fax: 202/265-0588 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 2 PM Sunday – Closed

3. Apex Care Pharmacy

3839 Minnesota Avenue NE Washington, DC 20019 Phone: 202/388-1900 Fax: 202/388-8099 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday& Sunday 10 AM – 3 PM Sunday – Closed

4. Capitol Hill Pharmacy

650 Pennsylvania Avenue SE Washington, DC 20003 Phone: 202/548-0008 Fax: 202/548-0017 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 10 AM – 6 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 2 PM Sunday – Closed

5. Columbia Heights Pharmacy

3316 14th Street NW Washington, DC 20010 Phone: 202/232-1455 Fax: 202/232-1453 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 10 AM – 6 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday – Closed

6. Cathedral Pharmacy

3000 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington, DC 20008 Phone: 202/265-1300 Fax: 202/234-5832 Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 9 AM - 6 PM Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM Sunday: Closed

7. Goodcare Pharmacy I

2910 MLK, Jr. Ave SE Washington, DC 20032 Phone: 202/561-4343 Fax: 202/561-5061 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 2 PM Sunday – Closed

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8. Grubb's Pharmacy NE, Inc.

326 East Capitol Street NE Washington, DC 20003 Phone: 202-543-4400 Fax 202-547-6276 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM Saturday – 9:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM Sunday – Closed

9. Grubb's Pharmacy NW, Inc.

1517 17th Street NW Washington, DC 20036 Phone: 202-503-2644 Fax: 202-503-1721 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM Saturday – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sunday – Closed

10. Grubb's Pharmacy SE, Inc.

1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE Washington, DC 20020 Phone: 202-503-3610 Fax: 202-503-2639 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8 AM – 6 PM Saturday – Closed Sunday – Closed

11.H Street Care Pharmacy & Wellness Center

812 H Street NE Washington, DC 20002 Phone: 202/621-9667 Fax: 202/621-9703 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8 AM – 6 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday - Closed

12. Metrocare Pharmacy

6323 Georgia Ave, NW Washington, DC 20011 Phone: 202-722-0171 Fax: 202-722-7580 Hours of Operation Monday – Friday 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday & Sunday– Closed

13. Morgan Pharmacy

3001 P Street NW Washington, DC 20007 Phone: 202/337-4100 Fax: 202/337-4102 Hours of Operation: Monday -- Friday 8:30 AM - 6 PM Saturday - & Sunday -- Closed

14. Mount Pleasant Pharmacy

3169 Mount Pleasant Street NW Washington, DC 20010 Phone: 202/387-3100 Fax: 202/387-2435 Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday 9 AM – 7:30 PM Sunday – Closed

15. Mt. Olivet Pharmacy

1809 West Virginia Avenue NE Washington, DC 20002 Phone: 202/529-7001 Fax: 202/529-7005 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 10 AM – 6 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 3 PM Sunday - Closed

16. Nations Care Pharmacy

3818 12th Street NE Washington, DC 20017 Phone: 202/621-6325 Fax: 202/621-7874 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 10 AM – 6:30 pm Saturday – 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday – Closed

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17. Neighborhood Pharmacy

1932 MLK Jr., Ave SE Washington, DC 20020 Phone: 202/889-1119 Fax: 202/889-1560 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9:30 AM – 6 PM Saturday – (Call for information) Sunday - Closed

18. Pharmacare @ DC

651 Florida Avenue NW Washington, DC 20016 Phone: 202/387-1600 Fax: 202/387-1800 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 AM– 6 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 2 PM Sunday - Closed

19. Seat Pleasant Pharmacy

350 Eastern Avenue NE Washington, DC 20019 Phone: 202/396-3400 Fax: 202/396-0085 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday – Closed

20. State Pharmacy

2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, SE Suite 100 Washington, DC Phone: 202/610-2100 Fax: 202/610-1078 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday – 9 AM – 1 PM Sunday – Closed

21. Super Pharmacy and Medical Equipment

1019 H Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 Phone: 202/388-0050 Fax: 202/388-0047 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 10 AM – 7 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 2 PM Sunday – Closed

22. Community, a Walgreen's Pharmacy

1325 14th Street, NW (First Floor) Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202/332-8811 Fax: 202/332-3880 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday & Sunday – Closed

23. Walgreens Pharmacy

1217 22nd St NW Washington, DC 20037 Phone: 202/776-9084 Fax: 202/776-0969 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8 AM – 10 PM Saturday – 9 AM – 6 PM Sunday – 10 AM – 6 PM

24. Whitman-Walker Health Pharmacy

1701 14th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009 Phone: 202/745-6135 Fax: 202/332-0206 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday & Sunday – Closed

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25. Sterling Care Pharmacy

1647 Benning Road NE, Suite 101 Washington, DC 20002 Phone: 202/399-7876 Fax: 202/388-3157 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 7 PM Saturday & Sunday – Closed