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Beginning on January 27th you may have noticed that suppliers are no longer listed as either “Preferred Supplier” or “Standard Supplier”. We have done away with this distinction entirely.

For our suppliers this was a way to level the playing field, so to speak, and allow pharmacists to choose suppliers based on more relevant factors such as location and available inventory.

Over the next several weeks the suppliers will be populating their “Info” links so that pharmacists will have a chance to see their company overview. For pharmacists, this link can be found directly beside each supplier’s name on the Select My Suppliers page.

If you have any comments or suggestions relating to this change or any issues arise please let us know. Call or email us or use the suggestions box at the bottom of your status page. *Your feedback is greatly appreciated!*

The Insider Section**IN OTHER NEWS.....****Federal lawsuit filed against CVS**

It was just months ago that CVS began fighting a lawsuit filed by several Texas pharmacies for the violation of HIPAA privacy rules.

Now the nation’s largest pharmacy chain has found itself in another lawsuit, filed by two North Carolina-based pharmacies who say CVS Caremark caused them to lose customers when the company targeted patients of independent pharmacies, including theirs, warning them to switch pharmacies or begin paying more for their prescriptions.

A company as large as CVS, especially one in such a highly regulated and competitive industry, will undoubtedly find itself in the midst of many legal issues. Still some say that it isn’t just business as usual when it comes to the way CVS has been run over the last several years.

The attorney representing the North Carolina pharmacies, Gary Jackson, described the actions of CVS as “bullying techniques” that need to be challenged.

Read more at:

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/01/22/2000464/two-charlotte-pharmacies-file.html>

b This month’s SuperSaver HotFive™: save 20% or more!

5. Amidarone 200mg (500 Tabs)
4. Bupropion SR 200mg AB1 (60 Tabs)
3. Clarithromycin XL 500mg (60 Tabs)
2. Diltiazem CD 300mg AB3 (90 Caps)
1. Glipizide XL 5mg (1000 Tabs)

b Newly Added Drugs (some not included)

- AMLODIPINE/BENAZEPRIL 5/40 MG (100 Caps)
- AMLODIPINE/BENAZEPRIL 10/40 MG (100 Caps)
- PROPAFENONE ER 225, 325, 425 MG (60 Caps)
- METFORMIN 500 MG (100 Tabs)
- METRONIDAZOLE 500 MG (500 Tabs)
- POTASSIUM CHL ER 10 MEQ (100 Tabs)
- PANTORPRAZOLE 40 MG (1000 Tabs)
- NATEGLINIDE 120 MG (90 Tabs)
- NATEGLINIDE 60 MG (90 Tabs)

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