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August 2011**This month in the Buzz....****b** *Pharmaceutical ring uncovered***b** *The Insider Section—our regular feature:***SuperSaver HotFive** *Newly Added Drugs***b** *In Other News—Fighting PBMs***Pharmaceutical ring uncovered**

Over 20 health care professionals were formally charged on Wednesday for participation in a “large-scale health care fraud and drug distribution ring.”

Babubhai Patel of Canton, Michigan had been working with physicians and psychologist to prescribe and sell opiate painkillers and depressants through his 26 pharmacies across the state. According to the reports, the doctors were receiving payment in return for writing the bogus prescriptions.

The ring had been operating since 2006 and in that time nearly \$60 million had been billed through Medicare and Medicaid for medications received by ‘beneficiaries’.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/oT7IqT>

In Other News...**A bid for independents: Fighting PBMs**

In this continuation of our series on managing your independent pharmacy, we’ll look into some current efforts of the profession and how they stand to impact your daily life.

One such effort which you may well have heard of is the PR initiative aimed at counteracting harmful, allegedly deceitful actions of PBMs in their struggle for forward progress.

Spearheaded by Dave Marley of Marley Drug (Winston-Salem, NC), the project strives to collect about \$72k from independents and use a PR firm to launch the campaign.

Dave actively participates in discussion forums at rxSolutionCenter.com.

Check out the details [here](#) and contact Dave for more info.

Keep the ideas coming! Submit your ideas to info@bidgenerics.com

The Insider Section**b SuperSaver HotFive**

- ALLOPURINOL 100 MG(1000 Tabs)
- CITALOPRAM 20 MG (500 Tabs)
- FENTANYL 75 MCG (5 Patches)
- HYDRALAZINE 50 MG (100 Tabs)
- RISPERIDONE 0.25 MG (500 Tabs)

b Newly Added Drugs (some not listed)

- PEG 3350 POWDER (Rx) 17 GRAMS (14 Packets)
- NYSTATIN TOPICAL POWDER 100,000U (60 GMS)
- NYSTATIN TOPICAL POWDER 100,000U (30 GMS)
- NYSTATIN TOPICAL POWDER 100,000U (15 GMS)
- VENLAFAXINE ER 150 MG (500 Caps)
- VENLAFAXINE ER 75 MG (500 Caps)

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