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September 2011**This month in the Buzz....****b** *Florida independents on the rise...but why?***b** *The Insider Section—our regular feature:***SuperSaver HotFive*** Newly Added Drugs***b** *Texas law could harm independents****Rise in independent pharmacy applications causes concern in Florida***

What seems to be a victory for the state of independent pharmacy in Florida may also be a cause for concern.

The recent launch of a prescription drug monitoring database known as 'E-FORSCE' across the state has allegedly helped in putting many "pill-mills" out of business, many of which are thought to have made the step to opening a pharmacy instead.

But it is difficult to make this correlation. The first six months of the previous three years have seen increases in applications for new pharmacies of 127 in 2009, 159 (25% increase) in 2010 and 217 (36% increase) this year. However, from 2009 to 2010 Florida saw a fairly steady population growth of just 2%, which raises the question about the cause of the sudden jump in pharmacy applications.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/on9OQF>

In Other News...**Texas law could harm independents**

A Texas law set to go into effect in 2012 has stirred up worry among independents who say the law, aimed at saving the state's Medicaid program, will threaten to put them out of business.

The law would require prescriptions for Medicaid patients to be dealt with by middlemen, causing dispensing fees for Medicaid Rx's to be cut by 80% in order to fund the middlemen.

Texas passed the law in an effort to curb the costs absorbed in processing Medicaid reimbursements, which are projected to go up 100% every decade.

One pharmacy owner says that independents will be forced to turn away many prescriptions which will then be filled in emergency rooms, further increasing costs in the health care system.

An injunction has been filed to stop the law.

Read more about the issue at <http://bit.ly/mQZKaJ>

The Insider Section**b SuperSaver HotFive**

- CLARITHROMYCIN XL 500 MG(60 Tabs)
- HALOBETASOL PROP CRM .05%(50 GMS)
- PROPANOLOL ER 160 MG (100 Caps)
- SPIRONOLACTONE 25 MG (1000 Tabs)
- VITAMIN D 50,000 UNITS (100 Caps)

b Newly Added Drugs (some not listed)

- CAMRESE (2x91 Tabs)
- FONDAPARINUX SODIUM 2.5 MG/.5 ML
- FONDAPARINUX SODIUM 5 MG/.4 ML
- FONDAPARINUX SODIUM 7.5 MG/.6 ML
- METHYLERGONOVINE .2 MG
- NAPROXEN 500 MG

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