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October 2011**This month in the Buzz....****b** *Battle continues in Medco/Express Scripts deal***b** *The Insider Section—our regular feature:*** Newly Added Drugs***b** *New government regulation proposed in nursing homes***More states join in scrutinizing Medco/Express Scripts deal**

The investigation continues into what would likely become the largest merger of PBMs to date. Express Scripts and Medco are two of the three largest Pharmacy Benefit Managers in the country and many say that the merger would not only break anti-trust laws, but it would increase the stronghold that PBMs already have on independently-owned pharmacies.

At least two dozen states, including Iowa and Connecticut, are part of a group formed for the purpose of fighting the merger by putting pressure on the Federal Trade Commission to diligently scrutinize the potential incompliance.

Effects could be felt across every corner of the country if the deal is allowed to go through, but according to an uninvolved antitrust lawyer, Ankur Kapoor, the hurdles both companies face are larger than they will be able to get past. **Read more from Reuters at <http://reut.rs/rsPxxl>**

In Other News...**Government provides news controls over nursing home pharmacy**

Two of the largest suppliers of nursing home pharmacies, Omnicare and PharMerica, are losing ground in the nursing home supply market.

New regulations are requiring that an independent pharmacist step in to review the drug regimens nursing home residents are under after some realization that using a review service provided by the suppliers to do so may be conflicting.

This also comes after Omnicare, the largest nursing home supplier, attempted to buy out PharMerica, giving them more than half of all control over the sector.

News of the proposed government regulation caused shares of both companies to drop significantly as investors sensed a potential loss in revenue if the regulation succeeds.

Read more from BusinessWeek at <http://buswk.co/oirN5h>

The Insider Section**b** **Newly Added Drugs (some not listed)**

- **Levetiracetam (250, 500, 750 mg)**
- **Tetracycline 500mg (1000 Caps)**
- **Atovaquone/Pronguanil (6.25/25, 250/100) (100 Tabs)**
- **Wide selection of ovals from RxSystems**
- **Tramadol ER 300mg (30 Tabs)**
- **Hydrocodone/APAP (7.25/325, 5/325) (1000 Tabs)**
- **Felbamate (400, 600 mg) (90 Tabs)**
- **Felbamate 600mg (180 Tabs)**
- **Olanzapine (5, 7.5, 10, 15, 20 mg) (30 Tabs)**
- **Olanzapine ODT (5, 7.5, 10, 20 mg) (30 Tabs)**
- **Meclizine 12.5mg (100 Tabs)**

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