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Letter to 105 Pharmacies in our 5-county Area about CVS and Opioids

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Director of Pharmacy

Dear Sir/Madame:

Enclosed you will find a copy of an “open letter” to the CEO of CVS CareMart. As you may know, he is proposing that as of January, 2018, CVS will, for certain patients, only fill a 7-day supply of opioids.

If you wish to review the enclosed letter in a manner where all of the hyperlinks work, you can go to www.jameslhollymd.com/inthenews/letters. There you will find 296 letters written by SETMA about important matters. The letter to CVS’ CVA is letter number 1. The following is the link to it: [CVS Plans to Change Prescriptions without Physician Approval - An Open Letter to CVS’ CEO](#).

This letter details SETMA’s steps toward contributing to the solution for resolving the opioid abuse in this country. It is not THE only solution but it is a large part of it.

I am hopeful that the CVS CEO will enter into a dialogue with us and others about how really to solve this problem. As my letter states, I think his proposal is illegal in many states.

I and SETMA has the highest regard for our pharmacist colleagues and we value their input to patient care. This is not a discussion about “turf,” but about how to effectively unite our efforts to solve this problem.

If you would be interested in participating in a public discussion about this problem, please let me know at jholly@jameslhollymd.com.

Please distribute a copy of this letter to all of your staff pharmacists, to your corporate offices and to any other participant in this process.

Thank you,

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