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**CARE Pharmacy Network Sole Provider for
Antiretroviral Medications in D.C.**

Washington D.C. – Effective January 14, 2005, the CARE Pharmacy Network of pharmacies will be the sole provider of antiretroviral drugs for Medicaid as well as ADAP patients in the District of Columbia.

The CARE network has been the sole provider for ADAP medications since the inception of the program. After a 60-day phase-in, patients will be required to obtain antiretroviral medications at a CARE network pharmacy. This is a result of the implementation of the 1115 Federal Waiver, which provides HIV prescription medications. The addition of patients covered by the 1115 Federal Waiver will make CARE network pharmacies the sole provider for all antiretroviral medications for recipients of these programs.

This program was designed to expand coverage for patients taking antiretroviral medications by the agreement of the CARE network to take reduced reimbursement for these prescriptions. The savings will be used to expand the number of patients covered by this program who would otherwise be uninsured.

“We are thrilled to be involved with this very important program,” explained Ed Dillon, RPh, Grubb’s CARE Pharmacy & Medical Equipment. “It is very rewarding to provide care and counseling for more patients, especially those who need it the most.”

Approximately 3,000 people with HIV/AIDS are currently in the District’s Medicaid program. “There is an increasing need for HIV care and education in the Washington, D.C. area,” explains Gerry Serody, CEO of CARE Pharmacies. “CARE looks forward to providing continued support for these programs and will do everything possible to make this transition easy.”

To find a complete list of participating CARE stores in the CARE Network of Pharmacies, please go to www.carepharmacies.com.

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