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## AnMed Health pharmacies affected by new healthcare landscape

(Anderson, S.C. – Apr. 3, 2018) – AnMed Health will close its two outpatient pharmacies and transfer its prescription drug inventory to CVS Pharmacy, effective April 11. To ensure a seamless transition for patients, prescription records will be transferred to the CVS Pharmacy located at 1405 East Greenville Street in Anderson on that date. The AnMed Health Pharmacy storefront located at 700 East Greenville Street will remain open for the sale of medical equipment, CPAP services and oxygen. The pharmacy located within the Oglesby Center at the AnMed Health North Campus will close.

"Over the last couple of decades, we have found it increasingly difficult to compete with the buying power of large national chains in the retail pharmacy business," said AnMed Health Executive Vice President Garrick Chidester. "The time has come for us to refocus our resources on key strategic priorities while aligning with community partners to ensure the continued good health of those we serve."

Patients who have prescriptions on file at either AnMed Health Pharmacy location will not experience any disruption in service and do not need to do anything to transfer their records to CVS Pharmacy. Beginning April 11, patients may call the CVS Pharmacy on East Greenville Street at 864-224-8797 to inquire about refills on prescriptions previously held by the AnMed Health Pharmacy.

"AnMed Health remains focused on ensuring the best care for our patients, staff and community," said Chidester. "With multiple locations across our service area, extended hours, and drive-through service, CVS Pharmacy will offer our patients the convenience they want and deserve. We are committed to making a smooth and seamless transition for those who have entrusted us with their prescription drug needs."

AnMed Health's medical equipment and oxygen business will not be affected by this transition. AnMed Health will continue to sell respiratory and durable medical equipment such as oxygen, CPAP and BiPAP equipment, walkers, wheelchairs and orthotics at the Greenville Street location. Respiratory therapists will also continue to offer onsite training for patients and families on the use of CPAP and BiPAP equipment, and the mail order program for CPAP supplies will continue.

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