STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND REGULATIONS

In accordance with the authority granted in Sections 4-168 and 21a-254 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the intention of the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection, to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by amending Sections 21a-254-2 through to 21a-254-6, concerning Nonresident Pharmacies and Medical Practitioners.

All interested persons who wish to express their views orally may do so at a public hearing to be held at the Department of Consumer Protection, Room 119, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, September 8, 2014.

All interested parties who wish to submit data, views or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. An original and ten (10) copies of any such written materials should be directed to William Rubenstein, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection, Room 103, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

A copy of the proposed regulation, the Fiscal Note, and the Small Business Impact Statement applicable to the proposed regulation (as required by Public Act 09-19) are available for inspection at the address cited above, by requesting a copy of the same by telephoning the Department at 860-713-6086, or by viewing the same by clicking on the "Laws and Regulations" link on the Internet homepage of the Department: www.CT.gov/DCP.

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to add nonresident pharmacies and medical practitioners to the existing groups of medical providers and pharmacies who are subject to the existing regulations concerning the Electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

Public Act No. 13-172 amended Subsection (j) of Section 21a-254 of the Connecticut General Statutes by adding nonresident pharmacies and medical practitioners to the persons or entities required to report controlled substances

information to the Department of Consumer Protection. These proposed regulations amend existing regulations concerning the Electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to include nonresident pharmacies and medical practitioners.

Medical practitioners who prescribe, dispense or administer controlled substances must obtain a registration from the Department of Consumer Protection. Nonresident pharmacies that ship drugs into Connecticut must obtain a registration from the Department of Consumer Protection. If nonresident pharmacies or medical practitioners do not comply with these proposed regulations, the Department of Consumer Protection may take enforcement action against their registrations.