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## **Planned Parenthood, Faith Groups Call on CVS to Stop Selling Expired Products, Stop Locking Up Condoms, Adopt New Policies**

### **New Study Shows Some Greater Pittsburgh CVS Stores Failed to Adequately Address Expired Products, Condom Access**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – CVS stores in Greater Pittsburgh have not adequately addressed the issues of selling expired goods, according to a new study released today by Cure CVS. Surveyors visited 21 local CVS stores, including some where they had observed expired products for sale more than a month ago. These spot checks found expired dairy, infant formula and medications for sale at more than two-thirds of Greater Pittsburgh CVS stores visited, including a container of Imodium A-D (for ages 6 years and up) that was four months past its expiration date.

Planned Parenthood of Pittsburgh and other advocates are also asking CVS to [adopt a new corporate policy](#) to keep all its condoms unlocked in all its stores. Surveyed CVS stores in Pittsburgh were far more likely to lock condoms in communities of color than in zip codes that are majority white, according to surveys conducted on a sampling of Pittsburgh CVS stores by Cure CVS. CVS's closest competitor Walgreen's has a policy against locking up condoms in any of its stores.

"CVS's policies are as out of date as some of their products. CVS should take the reforms mandated by the California settlement and apply those changes nationwide and enact a new policy to keep all its condoms unlocked in all its stores. There's just no excuse for them to do anything less," said Tiffany Hickman of Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania.

Advocates chanted, "We don't want expired, CVS you're fired!" and "CVS, stop being sleazy, condom access should be easy!" as they demonstrated outside the CVS store at 6100 Penn Ave. in Pittsburgh today at noon. The Pittsburgh demonstration was one of 14 events happening outside CVS stores across the country today.

### **CVS Slammed for Selling Expired Goods in Multiple States**

Pennsylvania-based groups are calling for CVS to revise its corporate policies on expired products after it was announced last week by the California Attorney General that CVS will pay almost \$1 million to settle allegations of misleading customers and unfair business practices stemming from the sale of expired products and of failing to adequately protect and dispose of customers' confidential personal and medical information. CVS agreed to require bimonthly

removal of expired products and improved employee training in its more than 800 California stores; however that agreement only applies to California. The Attorney General of New York has sued CVS over the sale of expired goods there as well.

For more information visit [www.CureCVSNow.org](http://www.CureCVSNow.org)

**Cure CVS** is an initiative by Change to Win and partner organizations to reform the drugstore industry, starting with CVS, the country's leading provider of prescription drugs and largest drugstore chain. By joining concerned citizen groups with the six million members of Change to Win unions, Cure CVS aims to ensure that CVS provides equal access across all communities and income levels to its stores and services, offers fair and accurate prices, provides quality products and services, protects customers' privacy and puts quality pharmacy care first.

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