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COMPTROLLER LEMBO ANNOUNCES NEW MAINTENANCE DRUG NETWORK

Comptroller Kevin Lembo today announced that independent and chain pharmacies can now enroll in a new "Maintenance Drug Network" that was established to enable more state employees to fill and pick up maintenance medications at their preferred pharmacy, rather than through their mailbox.

"This Maintenance Drug Network provides all the savings, but with more options for filling prescriptions," Lembo said. "The network will allow employees to pick up prescriptions at a local participating pharmacy – and still provide the state with cost savings resulting from mail-order pricing."

The recently approved SEBAC agreement permits state employees to receive their first fill of a maintenance medication at any participating pharmacy. After that, they can either:

1. Receive their medication through the mail; or
2. Pick up their medication at a pharmacy that participates in the state's Maintenance Drug Network.

"Maintenance medications" are those used to treat chronic, long-term conditions and are taken on a regular basis, such as drugs to treat diabetes, asthma or hypertension.

Mail order will reduce the cost of prescription drugs for both state employees and taxpayers, and will enable employees to receive larger supplies of their medication at one time.

CVS pharmacies have already agreed to join the network effective Oct. 1, but now other independent shops and chains can do the same. Pharmacies can access the form necessary to join the network through a link on the right side of Office of the State Comptroller's main web page at

www.osc.ct.gov titled “For Pharmacists: Enroll in Maintenance Drug Network Here.”

Lembo thanked Thomas C. Woodruff, Ph.D., Director of his Healthcare Policy & Benefit Services Division, and his staff, for their work on this.

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