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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)
**EXPRESS SCRIPTS, INC.
KEW CORP.**

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**Express Scripts Urges Caremark Board to Negotiate
Mails Letter to Caremark Board**

St. Louis, February 9, 2007 Express Scripts, Inc. (Nasdaq: ESRX) today mailed the following letter to the Board of Caremark Rx, Inc. (NYSE: CMX):

February 9, 2007
Board of Directors

Caremark Rx, Inc.
211 Commerce Street, Suite 800
Nashville, Tennessee 37201

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Since our initial proposal to you more than seven weeks ago, setting out the terms of our proposed acquisition of Caremark Rx, Inc., Caremark stockholders and the marketplace as a whole have demonstrated their strong support for our offer. It clearly provides Caremark stockholders with superior value to the proposed acquisition of Caremark by CVS Corporation.

We feel that it is time to sit down and discuss our superior proposal to acquire Caremark. We are ready, willing and able to commence confirmatory due diligence immediately, and with your cooperation should be able to complete the process in a few weeks. It is time to level the playing field and negotiate a transaction that would create superior value and benefits for our respective stockholders, plan sponsors and patients.

Over the past weeks, we have had the opportunity to meet with many of your stockholders across the country as we explained the benefits of an Express Scripts/Caremark combination to stockholders, plan sponsors and patients. We have also met with many of our stockholders. The consensus has been clear Caremark and Express Scripts stockholders have clearly stated their desire to see Caremark and Express Scripts sit down at the table and talk.

In light of this, it is not too late to begin discussions regarding our offer, nor is it necessary to bring the CVS proposal to a vote of your stockholders on February 20th 2007. We do not believe that rushing your stockholders to a vote on such an important question is in the best interests of your Board or your stockholders. In any case, we strongly believe that there will be only one result at this meeting the rejection of the CVS transaction by Caremark's stockholders. Let me reiterate that we and our advisors are ready to meet with you and your advisors at any time to discuss our offer and to answer any questions you or they may have. We look forward to hearing from you so that we can promptly begin working together to bring about the best outcome for our respective stockholders.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Paz

George Paz

President, Chief Executive Officer

and Chairman of the Board

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Risks and uncertainties relating to the proposed transaction that may impact forward-looking statements include but are not limited to:

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the proposed transaction may not be consummated

the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction may not be realized

the integration of Caremark's operations with Express Scripts may be materially delayed or may be more costly or difficult than expected

the proposed transaction would materially increase leverage and debt service obligations, including the effect of certain covenants in any new borrowing agreements.

We do not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to such forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Important Information

Express Scripts has filed a proxy statement in connection with Caremark's special meeting of stockholders at which the Caremark stockholders will consider the CVS Merger Agreement and matters in connection therewith. Express Scripts stockholders are strongly advised to read that proxy statement and the accompanying form of GOLD proxy card, as they contain important information. Express Scripts also intends to file a proxy statement in connection with Caremark's annual meeting of stockholders at

which the Caremark stockholders will vote on the election of directors to the board of directors of Caremark. Express Scripts stockholders are strongly advised to read this proxy statement and the accompanying proxy card when they become available, as each will contain important information. Stockholders may obtain each proxy statement, proxy card and any amendments or supplements thereto which are or will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) free of charge at the SEC 's website (www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to MacKenzie Partners, Inc., at 800-322-2885 or by email at expressscripts@mackenziepartners.com.

In addition, this material is not a substitute for the prospectus/offer to exchange and registration statement that Express Scripts has filed with the SEC regarding its exchange offer for all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Caremark. Investors and security holders are urged to read these documents, all other applicable documents, and any amendments or supplements thereto when they become available, because each contains or will contain important information. Such documents are or will be available free of charge at the SEC 's website (www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to MacKenzie Partners, Inc., at 800-322-2885 or by email at expressscripts@mackenziepartners.com.

Express Scripts and its directors, executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in any solicitation of Express Scripts or Caremark shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about Express Scripts 's directors and executive officers is available in Express Scripts 's proxy statement, dated April 18, 2006, filed in connection with its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders. Additional information about the interests of potential participants is included in the proxy statement filed in connection with Caremark 's special meeting to approve the proposed merger with CVS and will be included in any proxy statement regarding the proposed transaction. We have also filed additional information regarding our solicitation of stockholders with respect to Caremark 's annual meeting on a Schedule 14A pursuant to Rule 14a-12 on January 9, 2007.

About Express Scripts

Express Scripts, Inc. is one of the largest PBM companies in North America, providing PBM services to over 50 million members. Express Scripts serves thousands of client groups, including managed-care organizations, insurance carriers, employers, third-party administrators, public sector, and union-sponsored benefit plans. Express Scripts provides integrated PBM services, including network-pharmacy claims processing, home delivery services, benefit-design consultation, drug-utilization review, formulary management, disease management, and medical- and drug-data analysis services. The Company also distributes a full range of injectable and infusion biopharmaceutical products directly to patients or their physicians, and provides extensive cost-management and patient-care services.

Express Scripts is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. More information can be found at www.express-scripts.com, which includes expanded investor information and resources.

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**ISS RECOMMENDS CAREMARK STOCKHOLDERS VOTE AGAINST
ACQUISITION BY CVS**

**Four Proxy Advisory Firms Recommend Caremark Stockholders
Vote AGAINST CVS Transaction**

St. Louis, February 12, 2007 Express Scripts, Inc. (Nasdaq: ESRX) today announced that Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), a leading independent voting advisory service, recommends that its clients vote **AGAINST** the proposed acquisition of Caremark Rx, Inc., (NYSE: CMX) by CVS Corporation (NYSE: CVS) at Caremark's special meeting of stockholders on February 20, 2007. ISS' analyses are relied upon by hundreds of major institutional investment funds, mutual funds, pension plans and other fiduciaries. In its *M&A Insight* Analysis, ISS stated*:

Based on the risky strategic rationale, the nil-premium offer price, the initial poor market reaction, and the change-in-control benefits to insiders, we cannot fathom why the CMX board did not...commence non-binding negotiations with ESRX after it had submitted its unsolicited offer.

...we conclude that the alternative ESRX proposal could potentially lead to a superior proposal that may provide better value for CMX shareholders. Given the deal was initially struck at a nil-premium, there is limited downside for CMX shareholders if the CVS deal does not go through.

Shareholders can hardly be blamed for being somewhat skeptical [about the CVS-CMX transaction].

Historically, mergers of PBMs appear to have a positive track record.

The Company noted that in addition to ISS, three other leading proxy advisory firms, CtW Investment Group, Glass Lewis & Co. and Egan-Jones, have all recommended that Caremark stockholders vote **AGAINST** the CVS transaction.

George Paz, president, chief executive officer and chairman of Express Scripts, stated, "We are pleased ISS has recommended that Caremark stockholders vote AGAINST the acquisition of Caremark by CVS. All four proxy advisory firms clearly recognize that Caremark stockholders can realize greater value by rejecting the CVS proposal. The Express Scripts offer provides superior value and the advantages of an Express Scripts-Caremark combination are strategically and financially compelling. We are offering Caremark stockholders a superior currency and greater certainty of value than CVS, and we have taken a number of tangible and important steps to consummate a transaction. We are confident we will deliver superior value to our respective stockholders, plan sponsors and patients. In its analysis, CtW stated*:

Despite Express Scripts' interest in merging with Caremark, and the market's positive reaction to its rival merger proposal, Caremark's board has repeatedly rejected Express Scripts' entreaties, and has refused to allow Express Scripts to perform due diligence even as it has publicly criticized Express Scripts' bid for being contingent upon due diligence. As puzzling as the decision to accept the CVS offer was, it is even more difficult to understand the Caremark board's steadfast allegiance to the CVS agreement...

...in talking with industry experts, we found little consensus regarding the merits of a vertical, PBM-pharmacy merger. While the benefits of a horizontal combination such as that proposed by Express Scripts are readily apparent, the benefits of a vertical merger appear more speculative.

In its analysis, Glass Lewis stated*:

We recommend that shareholders reject the current transaction with CVS...we believe it is in the best interest of Caremark shareholders to vote against the proposed CVS agreement in order to pursue a new process that can yield a better combination of short-term value and long-term strategic merit.

Express Scripts urges Caremark stockholders to vote AGAINST the CVS transaction by signing, dating and mailing in the GOLD proxy card today.

Caremark stockholders are reminded that their vote is important, and a failure to vote has the same effect as a vote for the acquisition by CVS. Stockholders may be able to vote their shares by telephone or by the Internet, and are advised that if they have any questions or need any assistance in voting their shares, they should contact Express Scripts' proxy advisor, MacKenzie Partners, Inc. Toll-Free at 800-322-2885.

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Arnold & Porter LLP are acting as legal counsel to Express Scripts, and Citigroup Corporate and Investment Banking and Credit Suisse are acting as financial advisors. MacKenzie Partners, Inc. is acting as proxy advisor to Express Scripts.

*Permission to use quotations was neither sought nor obtained.

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