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ARKANSAS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON USA DRUG CLOSURES

LITTLE ROCK, AR (Sept. 11, 2012) – The Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA) regrets the announcement by Walgreens on Sept. 10 that they will close 76 USA Drug stores, including 27 in Arkansas.

“We regret the loss of jobs for pharmacists and other USA Drug staff members, as well as the impact that these closures will have on USA Drug patients,” said APA Executive Vice President Mark Riley. “Pharmacists are medication experts and among the most accessible health care providers in communities throughout Arkansas. We encourage patients in this unfortunate situation to take the opportunity to find a new pharmacy home based on personal service and the expertise of the local pharmacist. A personal relationship with your pharmacist can help improve your health care.”

APA has created a section on its website www.arrx.org for those USA Drug pharmacists who will be impacted by closures to complete a form stating that they are looking for employment so they can be referred for new opportunities.

The Arkansas Pharmacists Association, founded in 1882, is the statewide professional association representing approximately 2,200 pharmacists in Arkansas. APA strives to further the professional advancement of pharmacists, advocate the value of pharmacy, and safeguard the health and well-being of every Arkansan. Its mission is to advance a professional and business environment for Arkansas pharmacists to be successful and fulfilled in serving patients.

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