



CVS Accused of Selling Expired Over-the-Counter Drugs

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The [Wall Street Journal](#) this week reported on a lawsuit against CVS pharmacies for selling expired drugs. Here are excerpts from the article:

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said Monday that his office is suing a unit of [CVS Caremark Corp.](#) for allegedly selling expired over-the-counter drugs and other products in its stores in Connecticut.

In a statement, Mr. Blumenthal said investigators from his office found expired food, beverages and over-the-counter medications on sale in 20 or more CVS stores in Connecticut in the summers of 2008 and 2009.

“Basic business law and ethics give consumers a right to unspoiled food and safe and effective medicine,” Mr. Blumenthal said. “I will fight for significant penalties against CVS, sending a powerful message that expiration dates must be respected. Any item past its expiration date should be off shelves, out of stores.”

Earlier this month, CVS agreed to pay \$875,000 in penalties, costs and fees to end a probe by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo into the sale of expired products in its New York stores.

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Mr. Cuomo last year reached a similar agreement with Rite Aid Corp. in which the company agreed to pay \$1.3 million and adopt new internal protocols.

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