



Dear APNS member,

We are extremely proud of our new PRO Wellness dashboard and how it will assist our members with their Star ratings and medication adherence for their patients. This is an exciting time for independent pharmacy, and we are pleased that APCI and APNS are at the forefront of the innovations that are moving our industry forward.

As you may know, APCI partnered with PrescribeWellness to develop and implement the PRO Wellness dashboard. We feel that this is a highly beneficial relationship for both organizations and our members, and our partnership is based upon mutual respect and a shared goal of helping independent pharmacies succeed and thrive in a highly competitive industry.

Recently, Walgreens sent a letter to more than 24,000 independent pharmacies about patented technology they hold for automated prescription alignment or medication synchronization. In the letter, Walgreens refers to PrescribeWellness. This reference has created some concern regarding the relationship between PrescribeWellness and Walgreens, and how it may affect independent pharmacy.

As their letter outlines, Walgreens holds approximately 10 U.S. patents on automated prescription alignment or automated prescription synchronization. PrescribeWellness licensed these prescription alignment patents from Walgreens in an effort to ensure that the PRO Wellness technology is used in accordance with U.S. patent laws.

Apart from the patent licensing agreement, PrescribeWellness has no other relationship with Walgreens.

PrescribeWellness is committed to the success of independent pharmacy, and continues to develop solutions that allow independent pharmacies to compete favorably in an ever-evolving health care market. We are pleased with our partnership with PrescribeWellness, and we look forward to strengthening that partnership going forward.

If you have any questions regarding the Walgreens letter, please feel free to contact your APCI Account Services Representative or the APCI office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Maze".

Susan Maze
Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer
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