



## NEWS RELEASE

### **CARE Pharmacies and Aureus Health Services Announce Partnership**

***Launch CARE Pharmacies Specialty Network, a Specialty Pharmacy Management Program for Retail Independent Pharmacies***

May 12, 2015: Linthicum, MD, and Pittsburgh, PA - CARE Pharmacies Cooperative, Inc. ("CARE"), an influential and growing independent retail chain, and Aureus Health Services, Inc. ("Aureus"), a national specialty pharmacy and health services company and Portfolio Company of BelHealth Investment Partners, LLC, announced their partnership in a specialty pharmacy management services program.

This partnership comes at an ideal time. The Specialty Pharmacy industry is rapidly growing, with specialty drugs expected to rise to 50% of the total drug spend by 2018. Additionally, eight out of the top ten drugs by revenue will be specialty drugs by the year 2016. Under the partnership Aureus will provide management services to CARE member pharmacies and provide resources to support the growing needs of their specialty patients and providers.

"We looked at a number of potential partners to assist us in providing a higher level of care to our specialty patients and Aureus was the best. Aureus' highly trained support team and comprehensive care management model offers a level of support and expertise required to ensure the very best outcomes for our customers," said Mike Wysong, CEO, of CARE.

"We are very excited to partner with CARE and their unique network of pharmacies. The CARE Pharmacies Specialty Network will provide a convenient and valuable choice for specialty patients and this partnership will further enhance the support and services needed to improve patient care" said Michael Nameth, CEO of Aureus.

***About CARE Pharmacies Cooperative, Inc.:*** CARE is a member-owned cooperative of independent community and specialty pharmacies, providing a full range of programs and services designed to meet the dynamic needs of the independent owner-operator. CARE's mission is a promise to its members to represent their interests, support their growth, and enable them to provide superior patient satisfaction. CARE is headquartered in MD and operates pharmacies in 10 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, contact CARE at 866.CARE.RXS, or to locate a CARE Pharmacy near you, visit [www.carepharmacies.com](http://www.carepharmacies.com).

***About Aureus Health Services, Inc:*** Aureus Health Services, a portfolio company of BelHealth Investment Partners, is a national specialty pharmacy and health management company with over 20 years of experience assisting patients, families, and medical professionals to cope with and treat a wide range of chronic health conditions. Aureus is headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and operates facilities located in New York, New Jersey, Missouri, California and Pennsylvania. For additional information, visit [www.aureushealthservices.com](http://www.aureushealthservices.com).

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