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Unique Pharmacy Benefit Analysis Gives Upper Hand to Local Health Plan

*Arxcel works with State-Wide Schools Cooperative Health Plan
to protect prescription benefits for 21,000 New Yorkers*

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY— **Arxcel**, a leading prescription benefit management consultancy, was awarded a three-year contract to provide ongoing prescription benefit program support to State-Wide Schools Cooperative Health Plan (SWSCHP), which covers over 21,000 lives. **Arxcel** is currently reviewing the Westchester N.Y. based-organization’s prescription benefit management (PBM) contract to issue an RFP on behalf of the organization.

Arxcel’s industry expertise and commitment to enhancing SWSCHP’s prescription benefits is exemplified in the innovative strategies to secure savings for the organization. The consultancy is designing the contract to allow SWSCHP to audit billing prior to the bill being paid, a contract stipulation that is unique in the industry.

“Companies are looking for more transparency and disclosure from their PBMs, but have difficulty securing information to evaluate PBM performance once the contract is signed,” **Arxcel** CEO Chris Robbins said. “The new contract provides State-Wide Schools Cooperative Health Plan with the tools to ensure that their money is being well spent before they write a check to their PBM.”

Arxcel will also provide ongoing program support for SWSCHP, including plan design recommendations and clinical program opportunities. **Arxcel** will evaluate industry trends, SWSCHP’s drug spend and current market conditions to assist the organization in maintaining a competitive pharmacy program. This partnership will allow SWSCHP to control long-term prescription costs and enhance the program’s value to member organizations.

“State-Wide Schools Cooperative Health Plan strives to provide our members and their dependents with the best possible prescription benefits at affordable costs,” SWSCHP Executive Director Herbert J. Friedman said. “**Arxcel**’s management of our RFP and ongoing audit of our PBM performance will help us ensure that our members’ investments and best interests are protected.”

Arxcel works with self-funded employers, managed care organizations and third-party administrators to control costs, design targeted health plans and clinical programs, perform data analysis, manage formularies and audit operations.

Headquartered in Williamsville, N.Y., **Arxcel** (www.arxcel.com) is a national pharmacy benefit consulting group that provides expert counsel and support in the operation and management of pharmacy benefits programs, strategic analysis and sales and marketing. **Arxcel** also partners with providers of prescription drug programs to manage quality and control costs.

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