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RITE AID LAUNCHES SCRIPTCENTER® FOR EXPRESS PRESCRIPTION REFILL PICKUP

Camp Hill, PA (August 26, 2006) – Rite Aid announced today the installation of a ScriptCenter prescription refill kiosk at a Rite Aid in Narberth, PA, offering shoppers a convenient way to quickly pick up prescription refills. ScriptCenter allows pharmacy patients to pick up their refill from the machine after pharmacy hours or during busy periods at the pharmacy counter by inputting a specific secure password.

“We are excited to be the first chain drug store in the East with this new service,” said Phil Keough, senior vice president of pharmacy operations. “ScriptCenter allows shoppers to pick up their prescription refills at their convenience. We are committed to offering the latest technology that offers solutions to our busy patients who are in a hurry.”

ScriptCenter is safe and secure. Patients who want to use the service must first sign-up at the pharmacy and receive a confidential enrollment number to create a user ID and password. Refill prescriptions are loaded into the ScriptCenter machine by pharmacy associates.

“A Rite Aid pharmacist fills the prescription as they always have. The refill prescription is then secured in the ScriptCenter kiosk for pick-up,” said Keough. “Giving our patients an option to quickly pick up refills will help free up our pharmacists so they can spend more time with patients who need a consultation or additional help with their healthcare needs.”

“We are thrilled to be working with Rite Aid to bring ScriptCenter to their patients” said Linda Pinney, Founder and Chief Business Officer at Asteres, Inc., the maker of ScriptCenter. “ScriptCenter helps pharmacies give their patients fast, convenient, and safe prescription pick up while still maintaining a relationship with their trusted pharmacist.”

Rite Aid Corporation (NYSE, PCX: RAD) is one of the nation's leading drugstore chains with annual revenues of \$17.3 billion and approximately 3,320 stores in 27 states and the District of Columbia. Information about Rite Aid, including corporate background and press releases, is available through the company's website at www.riteaid.com.

Asteres, Inc. develops secure self-service kiosks for the storage and delivery of consumer products. Asteres' premier product is ScriptCenter, the first prescription pick-up kiosk for retail pharmacy that allows consumers to pick up and pay for their prescriptions, even when the pharmacy is closed. For more information on Asteres go to www.asteres.com.

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