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The Honorable Patrick Page Cortez,
President of the Senate
The Honorable Clay Schexnayder,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Senator Cortez and Representative Schexnayder:

This informational brief provides the results of our analysis of pharmacy utilization data from the Office of Group Benefits (OGB). This brief is intended to provide timely information related to an area of interest to the legislature or based on a legislative request. I hope this information will benefit you in your legislative decision-making process.

Respectfully submitted,



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Background

The Office of Group Benefits (OGB) is authorized by state law¹ to provide health insurance coverage for state employees, retirees, and their dependents (plan participants). OGB contracts with a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) to administer the prescription drug benefits associated with its health plans. OGB issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) in February 2020 and awarded the contract to CVS Caremark in June of 2020. The award was protested by MedImpact² and litigated in court. A lower court decision was declared in favor of MedImpact, and the RFP was vacated. However, the First Circuit Court of Appeal reversed the lower court’s decision, and the contract was awarded to CVS Caremark effective January 1, 2023.

To conduct this analysis, we obtained calendar year 2022 data from OGB on plan participants, in-network pharmacies, and pharmacy visits, as well as information on pharmacies that formally chose to opt out of participation. As of January 5, 2023, some independent Louisiana pharmacies formally opted out of the CVS Caremark network.³ According to testimony at the Joint Insurance Committee, the amount the PBM was going to reimburse them for certain drugs was lower than the cost to obtain these drugs, meaning the independent pharmacies would have to sell them to OGB plan participants at a loss. The purpose of this analysis was to illustrate the impact of pharmacies opting out on plan participants.

Why We Compiled This Informational Brief

We conducted this analysis in response to a legislative request asking us to analyze pharmacy utilization data from the Office of Group Benefits (OGB). We analyzed data from Express Scripts, which had an emergency contract with OGB through December 31, 2022, to provide Pharmacy Benefit Management services to plan participants.

Informational briefs are intended to provide more timely information than standards-based performance audits. While these informational briefs do not follow all *Government Auditing Standards*, we conduct quality assurance activities to ensure the information presented is accurate. In addition, we incorporated feedback we received from OGB throughout the report.

¹ Louisiana Revised Statute (La. R.S.) 42:802

² MedImpact was the previous PBM, and it bid on the contract that was ultimately awarded to CVS Caremark.

³ We analyzed the effect of the pharmacies that opted out on members based on calendar year 2022 information and did not analyze CVS Caremark’s network to determine if other pharmacies were included to take the place of those that opted out.

What We Found

As of December 21, 2022, there were 199,419 OGB plan participants⁴ enrolled in a state health insurance plan with prescription coverage by the contract OGB had with Express Scripts.⁵ Between January 1, 2022, and November 30, 2022, plan participants visited a Louisiana pharmacy that was in-network as of December 21, 2022, to fill a prescription 2,520,170 times. Plan participants used between one and 13 pharmacies during this time, with 94,451 (57.3%) of the 164,817 plan participants visiting only one pharmacy during the year. As of December 21, 2022, there were 66,727 unique⁶ pharmacies in-network nationwide, with 1,213 unique pharmacies located in Louisiana.

Of the 199,419 OGB plan participants enrolled as of December 21, 2022, 5,167 (2.6%) only visited pharmacies in calendar year 2022 that opted out of the CVS Caremark network, meaning these plan participants will have to find new pharmacies to fill their prescriptions. Plan participants who use pharmacies in municipalities⁷ in rural parishes appear to be more affected by the pharmacy opt outs than members in more populated parishes. As of January 5, 2023, 72 independent pharmacies opted out of the CVS Caremark network.⁸ There were 53 pharmacies that opted out of both commercial and Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) coverage,⁹ 16 pharmacies that opted out of one or the other, and three pharmacies that partially opted out of both commercial and EGWP coverage. While no pharmacies opted out in larger municipalities such as New Orleans (98 in-network pharmacies), Lafayette (53 in-network pharmacies), and Lake Charles (34 in-network pharmacies), all pharmacies opted out in smaller municipalities such as Cottonport (2 pharmacies) and Mangham (2 pharmacies). For example, the two in-network pharmacies in Cottonport filled 7,211 prescriptions for 568 OGB plan participants during calendar year 2022. Of these 568 plan participants, 272 (47.9%) only used these two pharmacies and no others, meaning those individuals have to now find a new, in-network pharmacy. Exhibit 1 shows information about pharmacies in the nine municipalities where all pharmacies that were in-network in calendar year 2022 fully opted out for calendar year 2023, while Appendices A and B show similar statistics for all municipalities and parishes in Louisiana, respectively. Appendix C shows a map of pharmacies by participation status.

⁴ The number of plan participants is as of December 21, 2022, and does not represent each unique OGB plan participants throughout the year.

⁵ According to OGB, four of five self-funded health plans offered have prescription plans with CVS Caremark.

⁶ A unique pharmacy is one that has its own National Provider Identification (NPI) number. Some NPI numbers have the same physical address.

⁷ In this report, we use the term municipality to include incorporated cities, towns, and villages, as well as unincorporated census-designated places such as Metairie or Prairieville.

⁸ We analyzed the pharmacy opt-out list as of January 5, 2023. However, as of January 13, 2023, 68 pharmacies had opted out of the network, meaning some that had opted out as of January 5, 2023 opted back in.

⁹ Commercial coverage is for active employees and non-Medicare-eligible retirees, while EGWP coverage is for retirees with Medicare.

Exhibit 1 Pharmacy Statistics for Nine Municipalities Where All Pharmacies Fully Opted Out January 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022					
Municipality*	Pharmacies Opting Out	Visits for Plan Participants who Only Used these Pharmacies	Total Number of Visits to these Pharmacies	Plan Participants who Only Used these Pharmacies	Total Plan Participants who Used these Pharmacies
Cottonport	2	3,767	7,211	272	568
Mangham	2	1,771	3,365	134	254
Bentley	1	3,148	6,560	255	520
Ball	1	3,194	5,694	207	403
Basile	1	1,076	2,445	106	235
Campti	1	744	1,338	57	124
Folsom	1	286	667	31	69
Delcambre	1	173	470	Less than 25	39
Erath**	1	255	510	Less than 25	28
Total	11	14,414	28,260	1,085***	2,229***
* In three additional municipalities (Gray, Maurice, and Pierre Part), the only pharmacy partially opted out. ** While the pharmacy located in this municipality opted out as of January 5, 2023, the pharmacy opted back in as of January 13, 2023, per OGB. *** Represents the unique number of plan participants who used pharmacies in these municipalities. This number is less than the sum of the rows because some plan participants used only pharmacies that opted out across multiple municipalities. Source: Prepared by legislative auditor's staff using information from OGB.					

APPENDIX A: STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITY

MUNICIPALITY	Pharmacies Opting Out*	Total Pharmacies	Visits by Plan Participants who ONLY Used Pharmacies Opting Out	Visits by Plan Participants who used Pharmacies Opting Out	Total Visits	Plan Participants who ONLY used Pharmacies Opting Out	Plan Participants who used Pharmacies Opting Out	Total Plan Participants Using Pharmacies
ABBEVILLE	2	8	585	1,171	5,226	35	82	385
ABITA SPRINGS	0	1	0	0	2,949	0	0	238
ALBANY	0	3	0	0	17,617	0	0	1,679
ALEXANDRIA	3	26	7,059	17,738	101,895	524	1,555	7,299
AMITE	0	6	0	0	22,739	0	0	1,931
ANGIE	0	1	0	0	3,402	0	0	233
ARABI	0	2	0	0	1,738	0	0	166
ARCADIA	0	2	0	0	4,035	0	0	309
ARNAUDVILLE	0	2	0	0	2,506	0	0	214
AVONDALE	0	2	0	0	1,300	0	0	150
BAKER	0	4	0	0	20,466	0	0	1,610
BALDWIN	0	1	0	0	328	0	0	Less than 25
BALL	1	1	3,194	5,694	5,694	207	403	403
BARKSDALE AFB	0	2	0	0	12	0	0	Less than 25
BASILE	1	1	1,076	2,445	2,445	106	235	235
BASTROP	0	8	0	0	15,790	0	0	1,022
BATCHELOR	0	1	0	0	197	0	0	31
BATON ROUGE	4	105	2,965	9,629	289,021	241	816	24,337
BELLE CHASSE	0	2	0	0	1,795	0	0	142
BENTLEY	1	1	3,148	6,560	6,560	255	520	520
BENTON	0	1	0	0	2,559	0	0	183
BERNICE	0	2	0	0	1,859	0	0	115
BOGALUSA	0	8	0	0	19,761	0	0	1,359
BOSSIER CITY	0	15	0	0	25,425	0	0	2,184
BOUTTE	0	2	0	0	2,422	0	0	255

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BOYCE	0	2	0	0	3,751	0	0	308
BREAUX BRIDGE	1	7	578	1,523	6,795	55	122	567
BROUSSARD	0	5	0	0	5,449	0	0	518
BRUSLY	0	1	0	0	5,758	0	0	544
BUNKIE	0	2	0	0	6,063	0	0	381
CALHOUN	0	1	0	0	1,902	0	0	171
CAMPTI	1	1	744	1,338	1,338	57	124	124
CARENCRO	0	6	0	0	6,942	0	0	797
CHALMETTE	0	8	0	0	13,755	0	0	1,275
CHARENTON	0	1	0	0	55	0	0	Less than 25
CHAUVIN	0	1	0	0	576	0	0	62
CHURCH POINT	1	5	343	701	2,543	25	54	172
CLINTON	0	1	0	0	8,507	0	0	674
COLFAX	0	1	0	0	3,499	0	0	238
COLUMBIA	0	3	0	0	10,579	0	0	744
COTTONPORT	2	2	3,767	7,211	7,211	272	568	568
COUSHATTA	0	1	0	0	7,624	0	0	675
COVINGTON	0	21	0	0	29,109	0	0	2,868
CROWLEY	1	9	79	418	9,131	Less than 25	32	611
CUT OFF	0	2	0	0	2,787	0	0	252
DELCAMBRE	1	1	173	470	470	Less than 25	39	39
DELHI	0	4	0	0	3,902	0	0	259
DENHAM SPRINGS	0	15	0	0	71,381	0	0	6,031
DEQUINCY	0	1	0	0	2,206	0	0	151
DERIDDER	0	5	0	0	23,732	0	0	1,873
DESTREHAN	0	4	0	0	5,074	0	0	576
DONALDSONVILLE	0	4	0	0	6,005	0	0	472
DUSON	0	2	0	0	238	0	0	Less than 25

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ELMWOOD	0	1	0	0	512	0	0	Less than 25
ELTON	0	1	0	0	1,527	0	0	112
ERATH***	1	1	255	510	510	Less than 25	28	28
EUNICE	0	5	0	0	17,515	0	0	1,258
FARMERVILLE	1	5	198	423	9,100	Less than 25	26	727
FERRIDAY	0	2	0	0	4,450	0	0	340
FOLSOM	1	1	286	667	667	31	69	69
FORT POLK	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	Less than 25
FRANKLIN	0	4	0	0	2,278	0	0	166
FRANKLINTON	0	6	0	0	27,079	0	0	1,874
GALLIANO	0	1	0	0	1,107	0	0	94
GEISMAR	0	2	0	0	5,527	0	0	767
GONZALES	1	12	671	1,282	16,800	58	113	1,625
GRAMERCY	0	2	0	0	1,000	0	0	202
GRAY	1	1	15	20	63	Less than 25	Less than 25	Less than 25
GREENSBURG	0	1	0	0	5,298	0	0	419
GREENWELL SPRINGS	0	1	0	0	1,974	0	0	161
GRETNA	0	11	0	0	15,533	0	0	1,735
GROSSE TETE	0	1	0	0	28	0	0	Less than 25
GUEYDAN	0	1	0	0	242	0	0	28
HAMMOND	1	18	403	859	62,455	36	91	5,497
HARAHAN	0	4	0	0	4,943	0	0	511
HARRISONBURG	0	1	0	0	2,538	0	0	226
HARVEY	0	8	0	0	12,662	0	0	1,427
HAUGHTON	0	2	0	0	6,112	0	0	523
HAYNESVILLE	1	2	913	1,679	3,768	71	143	254
HENDERSON	0	1	0	0	179	0	0	17

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HODGE	0	1	0	0	807	0	0	178
HOMER	0	2	0	0	7,415	0	0	515
HOUMA	5	28	653	1,536	16,283	49	139	1,308
INDEPENDENCE	0	3	0	0	7,201	0	0	595
IOTA	0	1	0	0	665	0	0	87
IOWA	0	1	0	0	2,508	0	0	248
JACKSON	0	1	0	0	10,618	0	0	764
JEANERETTE	0	2	0	0	517	0	0	44
JEFFERSON	0	2	0	0	1,074	0	0	164
JENA	0	4	0	0	16,660	0	0	1,139
JENNINGS	0	8	0	0	21,938	0	0	1,733
JONESBORO	0	3	0	0	12,229	0	0	962
JONESVILLE	0	2	0	0	4,146	0	0	395
KAPLAN	0	2	0	0	2,466	0	0	169
KENNER	0	18	0	0	20,400	0	0	1,933
KENTWOOD	1	2	2,588	5,511	5,812	219	495	510
KINDER	0	2	0	0	10,176	0	0	757
LA PLACE	1	7	62	126	5,682	Less than 25	Less than 25	648
LACOMBE	0	2	0	0	563	0	0	47
LAFAYETTE	0	53	0	0	66,390	0	0	7,119
LAFITTE	0	1	0	0	202	0	0	Less than 25
LAKE ARTHUR	0	1	0	0	2,734	0	0	222
LAKE CHARLES	0	34	0	0	48,708	0	0	4,002
LAKE PROVIDENCE	0	2	0	0	2,008	0	0	142
LAROSE	0	3	0	0	360	0	0	40
LECOMPTE	0	1	0	0	3,843	0	0	297
LEESVILLE	0	5	0	0	26,044	0	0	1,909
LIVINGSTON	0	3	0	0	5,604	0	0	598

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LIVONIA	0	1	0	0	3,298	0	0	311
LOGANSPOUT	0	1	0	0	36	0	0	Less than 25
LORANGER	0	1	0	0	4,330	0	0	464
LOREAUVILLE	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	Less than 25
LULING	0	3	0	0	1,407	0	0	160
LUTCHER	0	1	0	0	415	0	0	50
LYDIA	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	Less than 25
MADISONVILLE	0	2	0	0	347	0	0	41
MAMOU	3	4	3,256	4,880	5,331	209	333	352
MANDEVILLE	0	16	0	0	16,218	0	0	1,332
MANGHAM	2	2	1,771	3,365	3,365	134	254	254
MANSFIELD	0	3	0	0	3,159	0	0	247
MANSURA	0	1	0	0	2,455	0	0	193
MANY	1	4	298	879	21,281	26	117	1,740
MARINGOUIN	0	1	0	0	1,497	0	0	103
MARION	0	1	0	0	943	0	0	85
MARKSVILLE	1	5	4,339	8,324	32,637	346	757	2,466
MARRERO	1	17	213	361	38,019	Less than 25	29	3,062
MATHEWS	0	1	0	0	1,418	0	0	105
MAUREPAS	0	1	0	0	3,525	0	0	390
MAURICE	1	1	184	383	607	Less than 25	37	48
MER ROUGE	0	1	0	0	459	0	0	46
MERAUX	0	2	0	0	6,479	0	0	627
METAIRIE	3	42	515	1,915	66,327	38	207	6,430
MINDEN	0	5	0	0	26,096	0	0	1,925
MONROE	1	30	1,117	2,778	61,092	111	319	5,043

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MONTGOMERY	0	1	0	0	2,177	0	0	168
MORGAN CITY	0	9	0	0	3,694	0	0	335
MOSS BLUFF	0	3	0	0	8,450	0	0	877
MOUNT HERMON	0	1	0	0	2,018	0	0	141
NAPOLEONVILLE	0	1	0	0	4,108	0	0	278
NATCHITOCHE	2	7	8,127	19,596	41,304	604	1,452	3,118
NEW IBERIA	0	12	0	0	11,265	0	0	810
NEW ORLEANS	0	98	0	0	89,206	0	0	9,790
NEW ROADS	0	5	0	0	16,717	0	0	1,248
NEWELLTON	0	1	0	0	893	0	0	70
OAK GROVE	0	4	0	0	12,691	0	0	801
OAKDALE	0	2	0	0	13,156	0	0	1,173
OLLA	0	2	0	0	2,554	0	0	204
OPELOUSAS	4	17	3,041	6,240	47,952	217	573	3,426
PAINCOURTVILLE	0	1	0	0	2,254	0	0	188
PARKS	0	1	0	0	699	0	0	46
PEARL RIVER	0	2	0	0	997	0	0	73
PIERRE PART	1	1	1,223	2,532	4,551	104	205	287
PINE PRAIRIE	1	2	1,223	2,108	4,116	100	168	313
PINEVILLE	0	13	0	0	73,000	0	0	5,775
PLAIN DEALING	1	2	28	93	502	Less than 25	25	48
PLAQUEMINE	0	6	0	0	11,266	0	0	890
PLAUCHEVILLE	0	1	0	0	1,772	0	0	135
PONCHATOULA***	2	6	1,383	4,297	28,194	148	434	2,582
PORT ALLEN	0	4	0	0	17,825	0	0	1,559
PORT BARRE	1	2	0	0	2,829	0	0	247
PORT SULPHUR	0	1	0	0	139	0	0	Less than 25

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PORT VINCENT	0	1	0	0	1,467	0	0	139
PRAIRIEVILLE	0	9	0	0	23,389	0	0	1,989
RACELAND	2	4	83	287	2,280	Less than 25	Less than 25	187
RAYNE	1	5	189	360	2,307	Less than 25	27	193
RAYVILLE	1	5	996	1,843	10,252	68	153	721
RESERVE	0	1	0	0	621	0	0	65
RINGGOLD	0	1	0	0	150	0	0	30
RIVER RIDGE	0	4	0	0	10,683	0	0	830
ROBERT	0	1	0	0	936	0	0	84
ROSEPINE	0	1	0	0	2,815	0	0	239
RUSTON	0	12	0	0	36,819	0	0	3,407
SAINT AMANT	0	1	0	0	1,925	0	0	195
SAINT BERNARD	0	1	0	0	877	0	0	83
SAINT JOSEPH	0	1	0	0	1,137	0	0	90
SAINT MARTINVILLE	0	5	0	0	3,427	0	0	189
SAINT ROSE	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	Less than 25
SCOTT	1	6	224	392	4,634	Less than 25	37	386
SHREVEPORT	1	55	71	334	59,424	Less than 25	77	4,511
SICILY ISLAND	0	1	0	0	349	0	0	26
SIMMESPORT	0	3	0	0	2,717	0	0	195
SLAUGHTER	0	1	0	0	2,459	0	0	211
SLIDELL	0	25	0	0	21,736	0	0	2,846
SPRINGFIELD	0	2	0	0	5,688	0	0	480
SPRINGHILL	0	4	0	0	9,315	0	0	619
ST FRANCISVLE	0	2	0	0	14,396	0	0	1,224
STERLINGTON	1	2	758	1,599	3,157	88	222	352
STONEWALL	0	1	0	0	1,234	0	0	131

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SULPHUR	0	8	0	0	7,820	0	0	716
SUNSET	0	2	0	0	3,921	0	0	312
TALLULAH	1	3	421	596	4,435	Less than 25	39	278
TERRYTOWN	0	5	0	0	4,410	0	0	614
THIBODAUX***	2	9	712	1,075	34,211	37	58	2,728
URANIA	0	1	0	0	2,403	0	0	177
VACHERIE	0	1	0	0	785	0	0	85
VIDALIA	1	3	1,149	1,856	7,420	79	134	719
VILLE PLATTE	1	6	1,693	2,783	23,645	133	367	1,712
VINTON	0	1	0	0	433	0	0	42
VIVIAN	0	2	0	0	467	0	0	38
WALKER	0	4	0	0	34,105	0	0	2,995
WASHINGTON	0	2	0	0	3,115	0	0	202
WATSON	0	1	0	0	2,386	0	0	189
WELSH	0	1	0	0	3,750	0	0	273
WEST MONROE	0	13	0	0	47,646	0	0	3,817
WESTLAKE	0	2	0	0	779	0	0	78
WESTWEGO	0	2	0	0	5,614	0	0	476
WHITE CASTLE	0	1	0	0	423	0	0	34
WINNFIELD	0	4	0	0	14,459	0	0	959
WINNSBORO	0	4	0	0	18,722	0	0	1,246
WOODWORTH	0	1	0	0	4,228	0	0	325
YOUNGSVILLE	0	5	0	0	7,113	0	0	774
ZACHARY	2	8	5,653	16,428	47,551	439	1,204	3,819
Total	72	1,213	68,422	152,815	2,520,170	5,167**	12,645**	164,817**

* This represents the number of pharmacies opting out of both commercial and Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) coverage, pharmacies that opted out of one or the other, and pharmacies that partially opted out of both commercial and EGWP coverage. In municipalities where the pharmacy opted out of one or the other or partially opted out of both commercial and EGWP, the pharmacy will still fill prescriptions for plan participants in some capacity.
 ** Represents the unique number of plan participants who used pharmacies in these municipalities. This number is less than the sum of the rows because some plan participants used pharmacies across multiple municipalities.
 *** One pharmacy in Erath, two pharmacies in Ponchatoula, and one pharmacy in Thibodaux that opted out as of January 5, 2023, opted back in as of January 13, 2023, per OGB.
Source: Prepared by legislative auditor’s staff using information obtained from OGB.

APPENDIX B: STATISTICS BY PARISH

PARISH	Pharmacies Opting Out*	Total Pharmacies	Visits by Plan Participants who ONLY Used Pharmacies Opting Out	Visits by Plan Participants who used Pharmacies Opting Out	Total Visits	Plan Participants who ONLY used Pharmacies Opting Out	Plan Participants who used Pharmacies Opting Out	Total Plan Participants Using Pharmacies
ACADIA	3	20	611	1,479	14,646	45	113	1,063
ALLEN	0	4	0	0	23,332	0	0	1,930
ASCENSION	1	28	671	1,282	53,646	58	113	5,048
ASSUMPTION	1	3	1,223	2,532	10,913	104	205	753
AVOUELLES	3	14	8,106	15,535	52,855	609	1,325	3,938
BEAUREGARD	0	5	0	0	23,732	0	0	1,873
BIENVILLE	0	3	0	0	4,185	0	0	339
BOSSIER	1	22	28	93	34,610	Less than 25	25	2,939
CADDO	1	57	71	334	59,891	Less than 25	77	4,549
CALCASIEU	0	50	0	0	70,904	0	0	6,114
CALDWELL	0	3	0	0	10,579	0	0	744
CAMERON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CATAHOULA	0	4	0	0	7,033	0	0	647
CLAIBORNE	1	4	913	1,679	11,183	71	143	769
CONCORDIA	1	5	1,149	1,856	11,870	79	134	1,059
DE SOTO	0	5	0	0	4,429	0	0	389
EAST BATON ROUGE	6	118	8,618	26,057	359,012	677	2,020	29,927
EAST CARROLL	0	2	0	0	2,008	0	0	142
EAST FELICIANA	0	3	0	0	21,584	0	0	1,649
EVANGELINE	6	13	7,248	12,216	35,537	530	1,103	2,612
FRANKLIN	0	4	0	0	18,722	0	0	1,246
GRANT	1	3	3,148	6,560	12,236	255	520	926
IBERIA	0	16	0	0	11,798	0	0	866
IBERVILLE	0	9	0	0	13,214	0	0	1,035

PARISH	Pharmacies Opting Out*	Total Pharmacies	Visits by Plan Participants who ONLY Used Pharmacies Opting Out	Visits by Plan Participants who used Pharmacies Opting Out	Total Visits	Plan Participants who ONLY used Pharmacies Opting Out	Plan Participants who used Pharmacies Opting Out	Total Plan Participants Using Pharmacies
JACKSON	0	4	0	0	13,036	0	0	1,140
JEFFERSON DAVIS	0	11	0	0	29,949	0	0	2,340
JEFFERSON	4	126	728	2,276	193,050	50	236	19,643
LA SALLE	0	7	0	0	21,617	0	0	1,520
LAFAYETTE	1	77	224	392	90,766	Less than 25	37	9,618
LAFOURCHE***	4	20	795	1,362	42,163	44	81	3,406
LINCOLN	0	12	0	0	36,819	0	0	3,407
LIVINGSTON	0	30	0	0	141,773	0	0	12,507
MADISON	1	3	421	596	4,435	Less than 25	39	278
MOREHOUSE	0	9	0	0	16,249	0	0	1,068
NATCHITOCHE	3	8	8,871	20,934	42,642	657	1,576	3,242
ORLEANS	0	89	0	0	77,835	0	0	7,509
OUACHITA	2	46	1,875	4,377	113,797	187	541	9,383
PLAQUEMINES	0	3	0	0	1,934	0	0	156
POINTE COUPEE	0	7	0	0	20,212	0	0	1,590
RAPIDES	4	44	10,253	23,432	192,411	703	1,958	14,407
RED RIVER	0	1	0	0	7,624	0	0	675
RICHLAND	3	11	2,767	5,208	17,519	197	407	1,234
SABINE	1	4	298	879	21,281	26	117	1,740
ST. BERNARD	0	13	0	0	22,849	0	0	2,151
ST. CHARLES	0	10	0	0	8,907	0	0	992
ST. HELENA	0	1	0	0	5,298	0	0	419
ST. JAMES	0	4	0	0	2,200	0	0	337
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	1	8	62	126	6,303	Less than 25	Less than 25	713
ST. LANDRY	5	30	3,041	6,240	77,838	226	573	5,659
ST. MARTIN	1	14	578	1,523	11,100	55	122	819
ST. MARY	0	15	0	0	6,355	0	0	527

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ST. TAMMANY	1	70	286	667	72,586	31	69	7,514
TANGIPAHOA***	4	37	4,374	10,667	131,667	401	1,020	11,657
TENSAS	0	2	0	0	2,030	0	0	160
TERREBONNE	6	30	668	1,556	16,922	50	142	1,376
UNION	1	8	198	423	11,902	Less than 25	26	927
VERMILION***	5	14	1,197	2,534	9,521	78	186	697
VERNON	0	10	0	0	28,861	0	0	2,149
WASHINGTON	0	16	0	0	52,260	0	0	3,607
WEBSTER	0	9	0	0	35,411	0	0	2,544
WEST BATON ROUGE	0	5	0	0	23,583	0	0	2,103
WEST CARROLL	0	4	0	0	12,691	0	0	801
WEST FELICIANA	0	2	0	0	14,396	0	0	1,224
WINN	0	4	0	0	14,459	0	0	959
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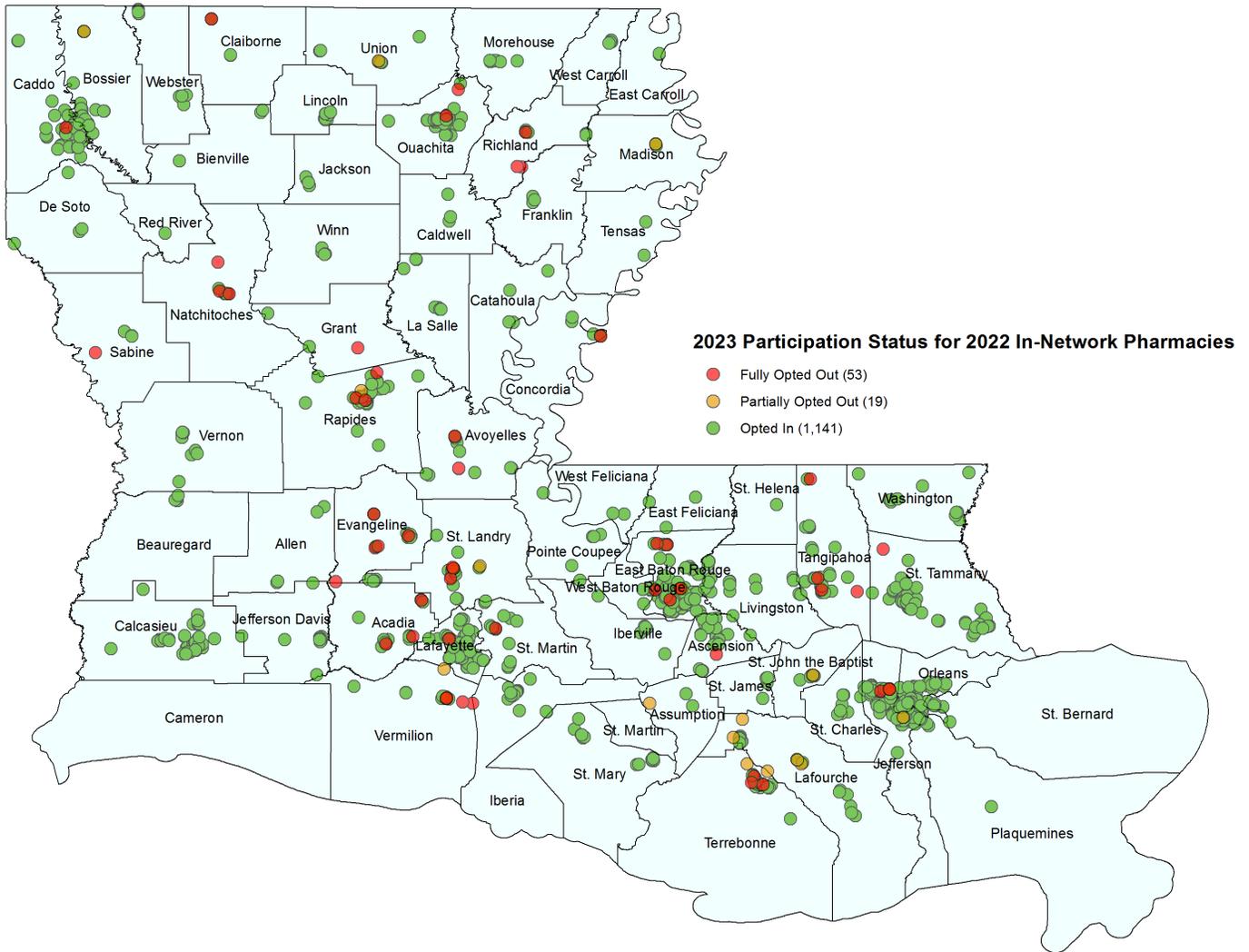
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*** One pharmacy in Lafourche, two pharmacies in Tangipahoa, and one pharmacy in Vermilion that opted out as of January 5, 2023, opted back in as of January 13, 2023, per OGB.

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APPENDIX C: MAP OF PHARMACIES BY PARTICIPATION STATUS



Note: Because of the close proximity of some pharmacies, there are instances where the circles representing pharmacies overlay one another. Refer to Appendix B to see the total number of pharmacies that opted out compared to the total number of pharmacies in that parish.