

# CVS's Omnicare to Pay \$23 Million to Resolve U.S. Kickback Case

Reuters is reporting CVS Health Corp's Omnicare unit has agreed to pay \$23 million to resolve a whistleblower lawsuit alleging that it took kickbacks from a drugmaker to promote two antidepressants, according to settlement papers.

The agreement comes out of a 2007 lawsuit against the pharmacy operator by two former employees of drugmaker Organon USA Inc on behalf of the federal government and various states.

"The lawsuit claimed that from 1999 to 2005, Omnicare and certain pharmacies it acquired sought and received kickbacks from Organon in the form of discounts in exchange for promoting the antidepressants Remeron and Remeron SolTabs," writes **Nate Raymond**.

Former Organon employees Richard Templin and James Banigan filed the suit, which reached a related \$31 million settlement in 2014.

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