

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DOUGLAS S. CHABOT, et al.,	)	Civ. Action No. 1:18-cv-02118-JPW
Individually and on Behalf of All	)	
Others Similarly Situated,	)	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	NOTICE OF PROPOSED
	)	SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION
vs.	)	
	)	EXHIBIT A-1
WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE,	)	
INC., et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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**A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.**

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT:** Please be advised that Lead Plaintiffs Douglas S. Chabot and Corey M. Dayton (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves and the Class (as defined in ¶1 below), have reached a proposed settlement of the Action for a total of \$192.5 million in cash that will resolve all claims in the Action (the “Settlement”).

This Notice is directed to you in the belief that you may be a member of the Class. If you do not meet the Class definition, or if you previously excluded yourself from the Class in connection with the Notice of Pendency of Class Action that was mailed to potential Class Members beginning in December 2020 (the “Class Notice”), this Notice does not apply to you. A list of the persons and entities who requested exclusion from the Class pursuant to the Class Notice is available at [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com).

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. This Notice explains important rights you may have, including your possible receipt of cash from the Settlement.<sup>1</sup> Your legal rights will be affected whether or not you act.**

1. **Description of the Action and the Class:** This Notice relates to a proposed Settlement of a class action lawsuit pending against Defendants Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. (“WBA”), Stefano Pessina, and George R. Fairweather (collectively, “Defendants”). Defendants are collectively, with Plaintiffs, the “Parties” or the “Settling Parties.” The proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, will apply to the following Class (the “Class”): all persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Rite Aid Corporation (“Rite Aid”) common stock between October 20, 2016 and June 28, 2017, inclusive (the “Class Period”), and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Class are: (i) defendant WBA, and any of its subsidiaries, parents, and affiliates; (ii) defendants Stefano Pessina and George R. Fairweather and any of their immediate families, any entities in which they have a controlling interest, and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns; and (iii) the officers and directors of Rite Aid during the Class Period, and any members of their immediate families, any entities in which they have a controlling interest, and

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<sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Stipulation of Settlement dated October 18, 2023 (the “Stipulation”), which is available on the Settlement website [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com).

their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns. Also excluded from the Class are all persons and entities who timely and validly requested exclusion from the Class in accordance with the requirements set by the Court in connection with the Class Notice.

2. **Statement of Class's Recovery:** Subject to Court approval, and as described more fully in ¶¶54-60 below, Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Class, have agreed to settle all Released Plaintiffs' Claims (as defined in ¶55 below) against Defendants and other Released Defendant Parties (as defined in ¶57 below) in exchange for a settlement payment of \$192.5 million in cash (the "Settlement Amount") to be deposited into an escrow account. The Net Settlement Fund (the Settlement Fund less Taxes and Tax Expenses, Notice and Administration Costs, and attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and awards to the Plaintiffs) will be distributed in accordance with a plan of allocation (the "Plan of Allocation") that will be approved by the Court and will determine how the Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to members of the Class. The Plan of Allocation is a basis for determining the relative positions of Class Members for purposes of allocating the Net Settlement Fund. The proposed Plan of Allocation is included in this Notice, and may be modified by the Court without further notice.

3. **Statement of Average Distribution Per Share:** The Settlement Fund consists of the Settlement Amount, \$192.5 million in cash, plus interest earned. Assuming all potential Class Members elect to participate, the estimated average recovery is \$0.22 per damaged share before fees and expenses. Class Members may recover more or less than this amount depending on, among other factors, the aggregate value of the Recognized Claims represented by valid and acceptable Claim Forms as explained in the Plan of Allocation below; when their shares were purchased or acquired and the price at the time of purchase or acquisition; whether the shares were sold, and if so, when they were sold and for how much. In addition, the actual recovery of Class Members may be further reduced by the payment of fees and expenses from the Settlement Fund, as approved by the Court.

4. **Statement of the Parties' Position on Damages:** Defendants expressly deny any liability with respect to the matters alleged in the Complaint. Defendants have denied and continue to deny, *inter alia*, that Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered any damages alleged in the Complaint; that the price of Rite Aid common stock was artificially inflated by reason of any alleged misrepresentations, omissions, or otherwise; that Defendants acted fraudulently or wrongfully in any way; that Defendants made any alleged material misrepresentation or omission; or that the alleged harm suffered by Plaintiffs and other Class Members, if any, was causally

linked to any alleged misrepresentations or omissions. In addition, Defendants maintain that they have meritorious defenses to all claims alleged in the Action. The Parties do not agree on the amount of recoverable damages if Plaintiffs were to prevail on each of the claims. The issues on which the Parties disagree include, but are not limited to: (1) whether the statements made or facts allegedly omitted were material, false or misleading; (2) whether the statements were made with intent to deceive, manipulate, or defraud investors; (3) whether Defendants are otherwise liable under the securities laws for those statements or omissions or any alleged scheme to defraud; and (4) whether all or part of the damages allegedly suffered by members of the Class were caused by economic conditions or factors other than the allegedly false or misleading statements or omissions.

5. **Statement of Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses Sought:** Lead Counsel will apply to the Court, on behalf of all Plaintiffs’ Counsel, for an award of attorneys’ fees from the Settlement Fund of no more than 30% of the Settlement Amount, plus interest earned at the same rate and for the same period as earned by the Settlement Fund. In addition, Lead Counsel also will apply to the Court for payment from the Settlement Fund for Plaintiffs’ Counsel’s litigation expenses (reasonable expenses or charges of Plaintiffs’ Counsel in connection with commencing and prosecuting the Action), in a total amount not to exceed \$1.9 million, plus interest earned at the same rate and for the same period as earned by the Settlement Fund. If the Court approves Lead Counsel’s fee and expense application, the estimated average cost per damaged share is \$0.07. In addition, Lead Counsel may apply for awards to Plaintiffs in connection with their representation of the Class.

6. **Identification of Attorneys’ Representatives:** Plaintiffs and the Class are being represented by Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP (“Lead Counsel”) and Saxton & Stump LLC (together “Plaintiffs’ Counsel”). Any questions regarding the Settlement should be directed to Shareholder Relations Department, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, California 92101-8498, 1-800-449-4900, settlementinfo@rgrdlaw.com.

<b>YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT</b>	
<b>DO NOTHING</b>	Get no payment. Remain a Class Member. Give up your rights.

<p>REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE CLASS AND SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN [____], 2024</p>	<p>This is the <b>only</b> way to be potentially eligible to receive a payment. If you wish to obtain a payment as a member of the Class, you will need to file a claim form (the “Claim Form” or “Proof of Claim Form”), which is included with this Notice, postmarked no later than _____, 2024.</p>
<p>OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT SO THAT IT IS <b>RECEIVED</b> NO LATER THAN [____], 2024</p>	<p>Write to the Court about your view on the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses, or why you do not believe the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses is fair to the Class.</p> <p>If you have not excluded yourself from the Class, you may object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses. You must still submit a Claim Form in order to be potentially eligible to receive any money from the Net Settlement Fund.</p>
<p>GO TO THE HEARING ON [____], 2024, AT __:__.M., AND FILE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR SO THAT IT IS <b>RECEIVED</b> NO LATER THAN [____], 2024</p>	<p>Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses.</p>

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**WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE?**

7. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you about: (a) the terms of the proposed Settlement, and (b) your rights in connection with a hearing to be held before the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania (the “Court”), on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at \_\_\_ .m., to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement and related matters. This Notice also describes the steps necessary to seek to be potentially eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund in the event the Settlement is approved by the Court.

8. A class action is a type of lawsuit in which the claims of a number of individuals are resolved together, thus providing the class members with both consistency and efficiency. In a class action lawsuit, the Court selects one or more people, known as class representatives, to sue on behalf of all people with similar claims, commonly known as the class or the class members. In the Action, the Court has appointed Plaintiffs as the representatives of the Class and Lead Counsel as Class counsel.

9. The Court in charge of this case is the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and the case is known as *Chabot v. Walgreens Boots All., Inc.*, No. 1:18-cv-02118-JPW. The judge presiding over this case is the Honorable Jennifer P. Wilson, United States District Judge. The people who are suing are called plaintiffs, and those who are being sued are called defendants. In this case, the Defendants are WBA, Stefano Pessina, and George R. Fairweather.

10. This Notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, your legal rights, what

benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of this case, that it is a class action, and how you might be affected. It also is being sent to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and of a hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and the application by Lead Counsel for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses (the "Settlement Hearing").

11. The Settlement Hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at \_\_\_\_\_ .m., before the Honorable Jennifer P. Wilson, at the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Sylvia H. Rambo U.S. Courthouse, 1501 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, in advance of the Settlement Hearing, for the following purposes:

- (a) to determine whether the proposed Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be approved by the Court;
- (b) to determine whether the Judgment as provided for under the Stipulation of Settlement dated October 18, 2023 (the "Stipulation") should be entered;
- (c) to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the net proceeds of the Settlement is fair and reasonable and should be approved by the Court;
- (d) to determine whether the application by Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses should be approved and any application for an award to the Plaintiffs;
- (e) to consider Class Members' objections to the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, and/or application for attorneys' fees and expenses, if any; and
- (f) to rule upon such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

12. This Notice does not express any opinion by the Court concerning the merits of any claim in the Action, and the Court still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, payments to Authorized Claimants will be made after any appeals are resolved, and after the

completion of all claims processing. This process takes time. Please be patient.

**WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT? WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?**

13. This Action arises under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”), and alleges that during the period between October 20, 2016 and June 28, 2017 inclusive, Defendants WBA, Stefano Pessina, and George R. Fairweather, made materially false and misleading statements concerning the level of regulatory risk faced by the original merger, in which WBA would acquire Rite Aid for \$9.00 per share in cash and the revised merger, in which WBA would acquire Rite Aid for between \$6.50 and \$7.00 per share in cash. More specifically, Plaintiffs allege that during the Class Period, Defendants made false and misleading statements (i) downplaying or disputing contrary reports from journalists signaling regulatory turbulence, and (ii) representing that inside knowledge of the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) gave confidence that the deal would close, and that these statements allegedly inflated or maintained inflation in Rite Aid’s stock price. Plaintiffs further allege that the Class suffered damages when the alleged truth regarding these matters was publicly disclosed.

14. On November 2, 2018, plaintiffs Douglas S. Chabot, Corey M. Dayton, and Joel M. Kling filed a Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against Defendants. On November 16, 2018, the Court granted Plaintiffs’ Motion for Appointment as Substitute Lead Plaintiffs, and appointed Plaintiffs Douglas S. Chabot, Corey M. Dayton, and Joel M. Kling as Lead Plaintiffs.

15. Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the Complaint on December 26, 2018 and, after full briefing, on April 15, 2019, the Court issued a Memorandum and Order denying Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss. Defendants filed an answer to the Complaint on April 29, 2019, in which they denied any wrongdoing or liability, including denying that Defendants had made any false or misleading statements.

16. While discovery was ongoing, on July 26, 2019, plaintiffs filed their Motion for Class Certification. After full briefing and discovery of Plaintiffs, the Court granted Plaintiffs’ Motion for Class Certification on January 21, 2020, certifying the Class as set forth herein. On December 8, 2020, the Court entered an Order granting Plaintiffs’ unopposed motion to approve the form and manner of providing notice to potential Class Members (the “Class Notice”) to notify them of, among other things: (i) the Action pending against Defendants; (ii) the Court’s



certification of the Action to proceed as a class action on behalf of the Class; (iii) their right to request to be excluded from the Class; (iv) the effect of remaining in the Class or requesting exclusion; and (v) the requirements for requesting exclusion. The deadline for requesting exclusion from the Class pursuant to the Class Notice was March 23, 2021.

17. From May 23, 2019 to November 20, 2020, Plaintiffs served subpoenas on the following entities on the following dates, nearly all of which produced documents and a witness for deposition:

- UBS Securities LLC: 5/23/19
- Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.: 5/23/19
- BofA Securities Inc. (Merrill Lynch): 5/23/19
- Rite Aid Corp.: 5/30/19
- Morrow Sodali LLC: 6/5/19
- Finsbury LLC: 6/6/19
- AT Kearney, Inc.: 11/19/19
- Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP: 11/21/19 and 11/20/20

18. Following fact and expert discovery, which included thirty-one depositions of fact and expert witnesses, on January 24, 2022, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and Defendants filed a Motion for Summary Judgment. After full briefing, on March 31, 2023, the Court denied both motions for summary judgment.

19. At a pre-trial scheduling conference conducted on April 27, 2023, the Court set this matter for trial on Monday, January 29, 2024.

20. On June 26, 2023, the Court granted Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Voluntary Dismissal of Plaintiff Joel M. Kling Only, With Prejudice.

21. On July 14, 2023, the Court entered an Order to Show Cause, ordering "that any party who opposes consolidation shall show cause why the Court should not order the cases consolidated for trial no later than Friday, July 28, 2023." The Parties thereafter submitted briefs articulating their respective positions on a consolidated trial.

22. On July 27, 2023, the Parties participated in a full-day mediation in front of the Hon. Layn R. Phillips (Ret.) ("Judge Phillips"). The Parties did not reach a resolution that day, but discussions with the assistance of Judge Phillips' office continued. Following over three additional weeks of arm's-length

negotiations, on August 20, 2023, the Parties accepted a “Mediator’s Recommendation” from Judge Phillips. On August 23, 2023, the Parties signed a Settlement Term Sheet regarding the Settlement.

23. On October 18, 2023, the Parties entered into the Stipulation, which sets forth the terms and conditions of the Settlement. The Stipulation is available at [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com).

24. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, authorized this Notice to be disseminated to potential Class Members, and scheduled the Settlement Hearing to consider whether to grant final approval of the Settlement.

### **HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT?**

25. If you are a member of the Class, you are subject to the Settlement unless you timely requested to be excluded. The Class consists of all persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Rite Aid common stock between October 20, 2016 and June 28, 2017, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Class are: (i) defendant WBA, and any of its subsidiaries, parents, and affiliates; (ii) defendants Stefano Pessina and George R. Fairweather and any of their immediate families, any entities in which they have a controlling interest, and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns; and (iii) the officers and directors of Rite Aid during the Class Period, and any members of their immediate families, any entities in which they have a controlling interest, and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns. Also excluded from the Class are all persons and entities who previously submitted a Request for Exclusion from the Class in accordance with the requirements set by the Court in connection with the Class Notice. Anyone with questions as to whether or not they are excluded from the Class may call the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-866-653-4874.

RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER OR THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT. IF YOU WISH TO BE POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION OF THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS, YOU MUST COMPLETE, SIGN, AND SUBMIT THE ENCLOSED CLAIM FORM POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN [\_\_\_\_\_] , 2024.

## **WHAT ARE PLAINTIFFS' REASONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT?**

26. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel believe that the claims asserted against Defendants have merit. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel recognize, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to pursue their claims against Defendants through trial and appeals, as well as the difficulties in establishing liability and damages. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel have considered the amount of the Settlement, as well as the uncertain outcome and risk in complex lawsuits like this one. Such risks include, among others, the risk that Plaintiffs would be unsuccessful in proving that Defendants' alleged misstatements were materially false and misleading, made with scienter (that is, the requisite state of mind), or caused compensable damages to the Class. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel have also considered the financial condition of Defendant WBA.

27. In light of the amount of the Settlement and the immediacy of recovery to the Class, Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel believe that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interests of the Class. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel believe that the Settlement provides a substantial benefit now, namely \$192.5 million in cash (less the various deductions described in this Notice), as compared to the risk that the claims would produce a smaller recovery, or no recovery, after summary judgment, trial and appeals, possibly years in the future.

28. Each of the Defendants expressly denies any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages whatsoever. Defendants believe that they are not liable for the claims asserted against them in the Action and that they have good and meritorious defenses to those claims as a matter of facts and law. The Settlement may not be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing by Defendants. Nonetheless, Defendants have agreed to the Settlement solely to eliminate the distraction, burden, and expense of continued litigation.

## **WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NO SETTLEMENT?**

29. If there were no Settlement and Plaintiffs failed to establish any essential legal or factual element of the alleged claims, neither Plaintiffs nor the Class would recover anything from Defendants. Also, if Defendants were successful in proving any of their defenses, the Class likely would recover substantially less than the amount provided in the Settlement, or nothing at all.

## HOW MUCH WILL MY PAYMENT BE?

30. Pursuant to the Settlement, Defendants have agreed to cause to be paid One Hundred Ninety-Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand U.S. Dollars (\$192,500,000.00) in cash into escrow for the benefit of the Class. The Settlement Fund, after deduction of Court-approved attorneys' fees and expenses, Notice and Administration Costs, Taxes and Tax Expenses, and any other fees or expenses approved by the Court, is the "Net Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court and the Effective Date occurs, the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Class Members who submit valid Proof of Claim Forms, in accordance with the proposed Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve. The Plan of Allocation proposed by Plaintiffs is set forth below, and additional information is available on the website created for purposes of this Settlement, [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com).

31. All members of the Class who fail to timely submit an acceptable Claim Form by the deadline set by the Court, or such other deadline as may be ordered by the Court, or otherwise allowed, shall be forever barred from receiving any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund or payment pursuant to the Settlement, but shall in all other respects be bound by all of the terms of the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the releases given. This means that each Class Member releases the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (as defined in ¶55 below) against the Released Defendant Parties (as defined in ¶57 below) and will be permanently barred and enjoined from prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Released Defendant Parties whether or not such Class Member submits a Claim Form.

32. The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the claim of any member of the Class.

33. The Plan of Allocation set forth below is the proposed plan submitted by Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel for the Court's approval. The Court may approve this plan as proposed or it may modify it without further notice to the Class. Approval of the Settlement is independent of approval of a plan of allocation. Any determination with respect to a plan of allocation will not affect the Settlement, if approved.

34. Each claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania with respect

to his, her, or its Claim Form.

35. Persons and entities who excluded themselves from the Class will not be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund and shall not submit Proof of Claim Forms.

## **PLAN OF ALLOCATION**

### **UNDERSTANDING YOUR PAYMENT – NET SETTLEMENT FUND**

36. If the Settlement is approved by the Court, the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to eligible Authorized Claimants – members of the Class who timely submit valid Claim Forms to the Claims Administrator that are accepted for payment by the Court – in accordance with this proposed Plan of Allocation (“Plan of Allocation” or “Plan”) or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve. Class Members who do not timely submit valid Claim Forms will not share in the Net Settlement Fund but will otherwise be bound by the Settlement. The Court may approve this proposed Plan of Allocation, or modify it, without additional notice to the Class. Any order modifying the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the Settlement website: [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com).

37. The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to distribute the Settlement proceeds equitably among those Class Members who suffered economic losses as a proximate result of alleged wrongdoing. The Plan of Allocation is not a formal damage analysis, and the calculations made in accordance with the Plan of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, or indicative of, the amounts that Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations in accordance with the Plan of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants under the Settlement. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh, in a fair and equitable manner, the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purpose of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund. The Recognized Loss formulas below are intended solely for purposes of this Plan of Allocation and cannot and should not be binding on Plaintiffs or any Class Member for any other purpose.

38. In order to have recoverable damages, a disclosure of the alleged truth omitted or concealed by the alleged misrepresentations must be the cause of Rite Aid’s common stock price decline and Class Members’ Recognized Loss. In this case, Plaintiffs allege that from October 20, 2016, through January 29, 2017,

Walgreens made various misrepresentations that concealed that it was unlikely to secure FTC approval for the proposed merger with Rite Aid, as then constituted, by January 27, 2017. According to Plaintiffs' damages expert, based on his event study analysis of the fraud related events, these misrepresentations and omissions caused Rite Aid's Company-specific price declines on January 20, 2017, and on January 30, 2017. Furthermore, Plaintiffs allege that from January 5, 2017, through June 28, 2017, Walgreens made additional misrepresentations that concealed that it was unlikely to secure FTC clearance for any merger with Rite Aid. According to Plaintiffs' damages expert, based on his event study analysis of the fraud related events, these misrepresentations and omissions caused Rite Aid's Company-specific price declines on April 19, 2017; on June 9, 2017, and on June 29, 2017. Based on the analysis by Plaintiffs' damages expert, the estimated inflation in Rite Aid common stock related to the alleged fraud is set forth in Table A below.

### **CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS**

39. Based on the above, the Recognized Loss amounts will be calculated as follows:

For shares of Rite Aid common stock purchased or otherwise acquired from October 20, 2016, through June 28, 2017, inclusive, and:

- I. Sold from October 20, 2016, through June 28, 2017, inclusive, the Recognized Loss per share shall be the lesser of:
  - a. the inflation per share in Table A at the time of purchase less the inflation per share in Table A at the time of sale; or
  - b. the difference between the purchase price per share and the sales price per share.
- II. Sold from June 29, 2017, through September 26, 2017, inclusive, the Recognized Loss per share shall be the least of:
  - a. the inflation per share in Table A at the time of purchase;
  - b. the difference between the purchase price per share and the sales price per share; or
  - c. the difference between the purchase price per share and the average closing price per share up to the date of sale as set

forth in Table B below.

- III. If retained at the close of trading on September 26, 2017, the Recognized Loss per share shall be the lesser of:
- a. the inflation per share in Table A at the time of purchase; or
  - b. the difference between the purchase price per share and \$2.40 per share (the 90-day average Rite Aid closing price following the final corrective disclosure).<sup>2</sup>

### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

40. If a claimant has more than one purchase or sale of Rite Aid common stock, purchases and sales will be matched on a First In, First Out (“FIFO”) basis for each respective security. Class Period sales will be matched first against any holdings at the beginning of the Class Period, and then against purchases/acquisitions in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase/acquisition made during the Class Period.

41. A claimant’s “Recognized Claim” under the Plan of Allocation will be the sum of his, her, or its Recognized Loss Amounts.

42. Any transactions in Rite Aid common stock executed outside regular trading hours for the U.S. financial markets shall be deemed to have occurred during the next trading session.

43. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants

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<sup>2</sup> Under Section 21(D)(e)(1) of the Exchange Act, “in any private action arising under this Act in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated to the market.” Consistent with the requirements of the statute, Recognized Loss Amounts are capped to an appropriate extent by taking into account the closing prices of Rite Aid common stock during the 90-day look-back period. The mean (average) closing price for Rite Aid common stock during this 90-day look-back period was \$2.40.

on a *pro rata* basis, based on the relative size of their Recognized Claims. Specifically, a “Distribution Amount” will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which will be the Authorized Claimant’s Recognized Claim divided by the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. If any Authorized Claimant’s Distribution Amount calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.

44. Purchases, acquisitions, and sales of Rite Aid common stock will be deemed to have occurred on the “contract” or “trade” date as opposed to the “settlement” or “payment” date. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance, or operation of law of Rite Aid common stock during the Class Period will not be deemed a purchase, acquisition, or sale of Rite Aid common stock for the calculation of an Authorized Claimant’s Recognized Loss Amount, nor will the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase/acquisition of Rite Aid common stock unless: (i) the donor or decedent purchased or otherwise acquired the securities during the Class Period; (ii) no Claim Form was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to those securities; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

45. The date of covering a “short sale” is deemed to be the date of purchase or acquisition of Rite Aid common stock. The date of a “short sale” is deemed to be the date of sale of Rite Aid common stock. Under the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss Amount on “short sales” is zero. In the event that a claimant has an opening short position in Rite Aid common stock, his, her, or its earliest Class Period purchases or acquisitions of Rite Aid common stock will be matched against the opening short position, and not be entitled to a recovery, until that short position is fully covered.

46. Option Contracts are not securities eligible to participate in the Settlement. With respect to shares of Rite Aid common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the purchase/sale date of the Rite Aid common stock is the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price of the Rite Aid common stock is the exercise price of the option.

47. If a claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Rite Aid common stock during the Class Period, the value of the claimant’s Recognized Claim will be zero. If a claimant suffered an overall market loss with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Rite Aid common stock



during the Class Period but that market loss was less than the claimant's total Recognized Claim calculated above, then the claimant's Recognized Claim will be limited to the amount of the actual market loss. For purposes of determining whether a claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Rite Aid common stock during the Class Period or suffered a market loss, the Claims Administrator will determine the difference between (i) the Total Purchase Amount<sup>3</sup> and (ii) the sum of the Total Sales Proceeds,<sup>4</sup> and Holding Value (for Rite Aid common stock only).<sup>5</sup> This difference will be deemed a claimant's market gain or loss with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Rite Aid common stock during the Class Period.

48. After the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator will make reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks. To the extent any monies remain in the fund after a reasonable amount of time following the date of the initial distribution, if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determine that it is cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator will conduct a re-distribution of the funds remaining after payment of any unpaid fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distribution, to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their initial distributions and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such re-distribution. Additional re-distributions to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their prior checks may occur thereafter if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determine that additional re-distributions, after the deduction of any additional fees and expenses incurred in

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<sup>3</sup> The "Total Purchase Amount" is the total amount the claimant paid (excluding commissions and other charges) for Rite Aid common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period.

<sup>4</sup> The Claims Administrator will match any sales of Rite Aid common stock during the Class Period first against the claimant's opening position (the proceeds of those sales will not be considered for purposes of calculating market gains or losses). The total amount received (excluding commissions and other charges) for the remaining sales of Rite Aid common stock sold during the Class Period will be the "Total Sales Proceeds."

<sup>5</sup> The Claims Administrator will ascribe a value of \$2.89 per share for Rite Aid common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on June 28, 2017 (the "Holding Value").

administering the Settlement, including for such re-distributions, would be cost-effective. At such time as it is determined that the re-distribution of funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is not cost-effective, the remaining balance shall be donated to the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network.

49. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court for this Settlement, shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, Plaintiffs' damages expert, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, any of the other Class Members, or the Claims Administrator or other agent designated by Plaintiffs' Counsel arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the plan of allocation approved by the Court, or further orders of the Court. Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, Defendants and their respective counsel, and all other Released Parties, shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund; the Plan of Allocation; the determination, administration, calculation or payment of any Claim Form or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator; the payment or withholding of Taxes; or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

50. The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the claim of any Class Member or claimant.

51. Each claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her, or its Claim Form.

**TABLE A:**

<b>Purchase Period</b>	<b>Inflation</b>
October 20, 2016 through January 4, 2017	\$2.35
January 5, 2017 through January 19, 2017	\$3.36
January 20, 2017	(1)
January 21, 2017 through January 29, 2017	\$2.21
January 30, 2017 through April 18, 2017	\$1.01
April 19, 2017	(2)
April 20, 2017 through June 8, 2017	\$0.62
June 9, 2017	(3)
June 10, 2017 through June 25, 2017	\$0.09
June 26, 2017	(4)
June 27, 2017 through June 28, 2017	\$1.03

(1) For shares purchased or sold on January 20, 2017, the inflation is equal to \$2.21 per share, plus the greater of: (a) the purchase or sales price less the \$7.46 per share closing price on January 20, 2017, or (b) \$0.00 per share.

(2) For shares purchased or sold on April 19, 2017, the inflation is equal to \$0.62 per share, plus the greater of: (a) the purchase or sales price less the \$4.08 per share closing price on April 19, 2017, or (b) \$0.00 per share.

(3) For shares purchased or sold on June 9, 2017, the inflation is equal to \$0.09 per share, plus the greater of: (a) the purchase or sales price less the \$3.00 per share closing price on June 9, 2017, or (b) \$0.00 per share.

(4) For shares purchased or sold on June 26, 2017, the inflation is equal to \$1.03 per share, minus the greater of: (a) the \$4.05 closing price on June 26, 2017, less the purchase or sales price, or (b) \$0.00 per share.

**TABLE B:**

Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price from June 29, 2017 through Sale Date
6/29/2017	\$2.89	\$2.89
6/30/2017	\$2.95	\$2.92
7/3/2017	\$2.69	\$2.84
7/5/2017	\$2.48	\$2.75
7/6/2017	\$2.36	\$2.67
7/7/2017	\$2.37	\$2.62
7/10/2017	\$2.34	\$2.58
7/11/2017	\$2.25	\$2.54
7/12/2017	\$2.25	\$2.51
7/13/2017	\$2.23	\$2.48
7/14/2017	\$2.33	\$2.47
7/17/2017	\$2.31	\$2.45
7/18/2017	\$2.58	\$2.46
7/19/2017	\$2.63	\$2.48
7/20/2017	\$2.54	\$2.48
7/21/2017	\$2.48	\$2.48
7/24/2017	\$2.49	\$2.48
7/25/2017	\$2.44	\$2.48
7/26/2017	\$2.39	\$2.47
7/27/2017	\$2.32	\$2.47
7/28/2017	\$2.28	\$2.46
7/31/2017	\$2.24	\$2.45
8/1/2017	\$2.37	\$2.44
8/2/2017	\$2.40	\$2.44
8/3/2017	\$2.39	\$2.44
8/4/2017	\$2.33	\$2.44
8/7/2017	\$2.44	\$2.44
8/8/2017	\$2.35	\$2.43
8/9/2017	\$2.35	\$2.43
8/10/2017	\$2.25	\$2.42
8/11/2017	\$2.31	\$2.42

Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price from June 29, 2017 through Sale Date
8/14/2017	\$2.33	\$2.42
8/15/2017	\$2.31	\$2.42
8/16/2017	\$2.28	\$2.42
8/17/2017	\$2.23	\$2.42
8/18/2017	\$2.22	\$2.40
8/21/2017	\$2.25	\$2.40
8/22/2017	\$2.24	\$2.39
8/23/2017	\$2.25	\$2.39
8/24/2017	\$2.26	\$2.39
8/25/2017	\$2.27	\$2.38
8/28/2017	\$2.26	\$2.38
8/29/2017	\$2.34	\$2.38
8/30/2017	\$2.36	\$2.38
8/31/2017	\$2.42	\$2.38
9/1/2017	\$2.42	\$2.38
9/5/2017	\$2.42	\$2.38
9/6/2017	\$2.42	\$2.38
9/7/2017	\$2.52	\$2.38
9/8/2017	\$2.50	\$2.39
9/11/2017	\$2.49	\$2.39
9/12/2017	\$2.39	\$2.39
9/13/2017	\$2.51	\$2.39
9/14/2017	\$2.50	\$2.39
9/15/2017	\$2.63	\$2.40
9/18/2017	\$2.73	\$2.40
9/19/2017	\$2.40	\$2.40
9/20/2017	\$2.44	\$2.40
9/21/2017	\$2.42	\$2.40
9/22/2017	\$2.39	\$2.40
9/25/2017	\$2.38	\$2.40
9/26/2017	\$2.29	\$2.40

**WHAT RIGHTS AM I GIVING UP BY AGREEING TO THE  
SETTLEMENT?**

52. If the Settlement is approved, the Court will enter a judgment (the “Judgment”). The Judgment will dismiss with prejudice the claims against Defendants and will provide that Plaintiffs and all other Released Plaintiff Parties (as defined in ¶58 below) shall have waived, released, discharged, and dismissed each and every one of the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims (as defined in ¶55 below), including Unknown Claims (as defined in ¶59 below), against each and every one of the Released Defendant Parties (as defined in ¶57 below) and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any and all of the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims against any and all of the Released Defendant Parties, whether or not they execute and deliver the Claim Form or share in the Settlement Fund. Claims to enforce the terms of the Settlement are not released.

53. “Released Plaintiffs’ Claims” means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, including both known claims and Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, or any other law, that (a) Plaintiffs or any other member of the Class asserted in the Complaint or could have asserted in the Action, or in any other action or in any forum (including, without limitation, any federal or state court, or in any other court, arbitration proceeding, administrative agency, or other forum, in the U.S. or elsewhere), including any such claims that (i) arise out of or relate to any disclosures (including in financial statements), U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filings, press releases, investor calls, registration statements, offering memoranda, web postings, presentations, or any other statements made by Defendants during the Class Period, or (ii) that arise out of or are based upon the claims, allegations, transactions, facts, circumstances, events, acts, disclosures, statements, or omissions set forth in the Complaint; and (b) relate to the purchase or acquisition of Rite Aid common stock during the Class Period. Released Plaintiffs’ Claims do not include, settle, or release any of the Excluded Plaintiffs’ Claims.

54. “Released Defendants’ Claims” means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, including both known claims and Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, or any other law, that are based upon, arise out of, relate to, or concern the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims asserted in the Action against Defendants. Released

Defendants' Claims do not include, settle, or release any of the Excluded Defendants' Claims.

55. "Released Defendant Parties" means each and all of the Defendants, and each of their Related Persons.

56. "Released Plaintiff Parties" means the Plaintiffs, each and every Class Member, Plaintiffs' Counsel, and each of their respective past or present trustees, officers, directors, partners, employees, contractors, auditors, principals, agents, attorneys, predecessors, successors, assigns, insurers, parents, subsidiaries, general or limited partners or partnerships, and limited liability companies; and the spouses, members of the immediate families, representatives, and heirs of any Released Plaintiff Party who is an individual, as well as any trust of which any Released Plaintiff Party is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any of their immediate family members. Released Plaintiff Parties does not include any Person who timely and validly sought exclusion from the Class.

57. "Unknown Claims" means any and all Released Plaintiffs' Claims that Plaintiffs or any other Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any and all Released Defendants' Claims that any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor and the time of the release of such claims, regardless of whether such claim(s), if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its decision to enter into this Settlement, execute the Stipulation, and agree to all the various releases set forth herein, or might have affected his, her, or its decision not to object to this Settlement or not exclude himself, herself, or itself from the Class. Unknown Claims include, without limitation, those claims in which some or all of the facts composing the claim may be unsuspected, undisclosed, concealed, or hidden. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and the Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall have expressly waived, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by California Civil Code §1542, or any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or of international or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542, which provides:

**A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR**

**SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.**

58. The Judgment also will provide that Defendants and each of the other Released Defendant Parties shall be deemed to have waived, released, discharged, and dismissed as against the Released Plaintiff Parties all Released Defendants' Claims which includes all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, including both known claims and Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, or any other law, that Defendants could have asserted against any of the Released Plaintiff Parties, including Plaintiffs' Counsel, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims in the Action, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement.

**WHAT PAYMENT ARE THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE CLASS SEEKING? HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE PAID?**

59. Plaintiffs' Counsel have not received any payment for their services in pursuing claims against Defendants on behalf of the Class, nor have Plaintiffs' Counsel been paid for their expenses. Before final approval of the Settlement, Lead Counsel intends to apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees on behalf of all Plaintiffs' Counsel from the Settlement Fund of no more than 30% of the Settlement Amount, plus interest. At the same time, Lead Counsel also intends to apply for payment from the Settlement Fund for Plaintiffs' Counsel's litigation expenses in a total amount not to exceed \$1.9 million, plus interest. The Court will determine the amount of the award of fees and expenses. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses. Lead Counsel may also apply for awards to Plaintiffs in connection with their representation of the Class.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT?  
WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

60. If you fall within the definition of the Class as described above, and you are not excluded by the definition of the Class and you did not previously elect to exclude yourself from the Class, then you are a Class Member, and you will be

bound by the proposed Settlement if the Court approves it, and by any judgment or determination of the Court affecting the Class. If you are a Class Member, you must submit a Claim Form and supporting documentation to establish your potential entitlement to share in the proceeds of the Settlement. A Claim Form is included with this Notice, or you may go to the website maintained by the Claims Administrator for the Settlement to download the Claim Form. The website is [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com). You may also request a Claim Form by calling toll-free 1-866-653-4874. Those who do not submit timely and valid Claim Forms with adequate supporting documentation, will not be entitled to share in the proceeds of the Settlement unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Please retain all original records of your ownership of, or transactions in the shares, as they may be needed to document your claim.

61. As a Class Member, for purposes of the Settlement, you are represented by Plaintiffs, and Lead Counsel, unless you enter an appearance through counsel of your own choice at your own expense. You are not required to retain your own counsel, but if you choose to do so, such counsel must file a notice of appearance on your behalf.

62. If you wish to object to the Settlement or any of its terms, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, and if you did not previously exclude yourself from the Class, you may present your objections by following the instructions in the section entitled, "When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlement?" below. If you excluded yourself from the Class, you are not entitled to submit an objection.

**WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHETHER TO  
APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT?  
DO I HAVE TO COME TO THE HEARING?  
MAY I SPEAK AT THE HEARING IF I DO NOT LIKE THE  
SETTLEMENT?**

**63. If you do not wish to object in person to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, you do not need to attend the Settlement Hearing. You can object to the Settlement without attending the Settlement Hearing.**

64. The Settlement Hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at \_\_\_\_\_



\_.m., before the Honorable Jennifer P. Wilson, at the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Sylvia H. Rambo U.S. Courthouse, 1501 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102.

65. Any Class Member may object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses.<sup>6</sup> You can ask the Court to deny approval by filing an objection. You cannot ask the Court to order a different settlement; the Court can only approve or reject the Settlement. If the Court denies approval, no settlement payments will be sent out and the lawsuit will continue. If that is what you want to happen, you must object.

66. Any objection to the proposed Settlement must be in writing. All written objections and supporting papers must: (a) clearly identify the case name and number (*Chabot v. Walgreens Boots All., Inc.*, No. 1:18-cv-02118-JPW); (b) be submitted in writing to Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, David A. Knotts, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, and Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Caroline Hickey Zalka, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10153, and received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, or \_\_\_\_\_, 2024; and (c) be filed with the Clerk of the Court, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Sylvia H. Rambo U.S. Courthouse, 1501 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

67. The notice of objection must include documentation establishing the objecting Person's membership in the Class, including the number of shares of Rite Aid common stock that the objecting Person (1) owned as of the opening of trading on October 20, 2016 and (2) purchased, acquired and/or sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices for each such purchase, acquisition and sale, and contain a statement of reasons for the objection, copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents upon which the objection is based, a statement of whether the objector intends to appear at the Settlement Hearing, and the objector's signature, even if represented by counsel. The objection must state whether it applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Class, or to the entire Class. In addition, the objector must identify all class action settlements to which the objector or his, her or its counsel have previously objected. Documentation establishing membership in

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<sup>6</sup> Plaintiffs' initial motion papers in support of these matters will be filed with the Court on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

the Class must consist of copies of brokerage confirmation slips or monthly brokerage account statements, or an authorized statement from the objector's broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement. Objectors who desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing in support of their objection must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and any exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing.

68. You may not object to the Settlement or any aspect of it if you previously excluded yourself from the Class.

69. You may file a written objection without having to appear at the Settlement Hearing. You may not appear at the Settlement Hearing to present your objection, however, unless you have first filed a written objection in accordance with the procedures described above, unless the Court orders otherwise.

70. You are not required to hire an attorney to represent you in making written objections or in appearing at the Settlement Hearing. If you decide to hire an attorney, which will be at your own expense, he or she must file a notice of appearance with the Court so that the notice is received on or before \_\_\_\_, 2024.

71. The Settlement Hearing may be adjourned by the Court without further written notice to the Class, other than a posting of the adjournment on the Settlement website, [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com). If you plan to attend the Settlement Hearing, you should confirm the date and time with Plaintiffs' Counsel.

**Unless the Court orders otherwise, any Class Member who does not object in the manner described above will be deemed to have waived any objection and shall be forever foreclosed from making any objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses. Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.**

#### **WHAT IF I BOUGHT SHARES ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHALF?**

72. Nominees who purchased or acquired Rite Aid common stock for beneficial owners who are Class Members are directed to: (a) request within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice additional copies of the Notice and the Claim Form from the Claims Administrator for such beneficial owners; or (b) send

a list of the names and addresses of such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of this Notice. If a nominee elects to send the Notice to beneficial owners, such nominee is directed to mail the Notice within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the additional copies of the Notice from the Claims Administrator, and upon such mailing, the nominee shall send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed, and the nominee shall retain the list of names and addresses for use in connection with any possible future notice to the Class. Upon full compliance with these instructions, including the timely mailing of the Notice to beneficial owners, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred in complying with these instructions by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought and reflecting compliance with these instructions. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing includes up to \$0.03 for providing names, addresses, and email addresses to the Claims Administrator per record; up to a maximum of \$0.03 per Notice mailed by you, plus postage at the rate used by the Claims Administrator; or \$0.03 per Notice sent by email. Such properly documented expenses incurred by nominees in compliance with the terms of these instructions will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Copies of this Notice may also be obtained by calling toll-free 1-866-653-4874, and may be downloaded from the Settlement website, [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com).

**CAN I SEE THE COURT FILE?  
WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?**

73. This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement. More detailed information about the matters involved in the Action is available at [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com), including, among other documents, copies of the Stipulation and Proof of Claim Form. This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. For the precise terms and conditions of the Settlement, please see the Stipulation available at [www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.RiteAidSecuritiesSettlement.com), or by contacting Lead Counsel below. You may also access the Court docket in this case, for a fee, through the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov>, or by visiting the office of the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Sylvia H. Rambo U.S. Courthouse, 1501 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, during regular office hours, Monday

through Friday, excluding Court holidays. All inquiries concerning this Notice or the Claim Form should be directed to:

*Rite Aid Securities Settlement*  
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC  
P.O. Box 301135  
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1135  
Telephone: 1-866-653-4874  
*Claims Administrator*

**-or-**

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*Lead Counsel*

**DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT, DEFENDANTS,  
DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL, OR THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF  
COURT  
REGARDING THIS NOTICE.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_

By Order of the Court  
United States District Court  
Middle District of Pennsylvania