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## **WAL-MART CUTS GENERIC PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES TO \$4**

*Nearly 300 Generics to be Available in Tampa on Friday; Florida Statewide by January;  
Company Aims to Take Nationwide*

**BENTONVILLE, Ark.** – Sept. 21, 2006 – As part of its ongoing commitment to providing more affordable healthcare for America’s working families, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) today announced that it will make nearly 300 generic drugs available for only \$4 per prescription for up to a 30-day supply at commonly prescribed dosages. The program, to be launched on Friday, will be available to customers and associates of the 65 Wal-Mart, Neighborhood Market and Sam’s Club pharmacies in Tampa Bay, Fla. area, and will be expanded to the entire state in January 2007.

“Each day in our pharmacies we see customers struggle with the cost of prescription drugs,” said Wal-Mart CEO H. Lee Scott, Jr. “By cutting the cost of many generics to \$4, we are helping to ensure that our customers and associates get the medicines they need at a price they can afford. That’s a real solution for our nation’s working families.”

Key components of the program include:

- The \$4 pricing will be available to all pharmacy customers with a prescription from a doctor that can be filled with a covered generic medicine.
- This program will be available to the uninsured.
- Insurance will be accepted.
- The program presently covers 291 generic medications from many of the most common therapeutic categories.
- The medicines represented are used to treat and manage conditions including allergies, cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. Some antibiotics, antidepressants, antipsychotics and prescription vitamins are also included.
- The program will be available statewide in Florida in January 2007.
- Wal-Mart intends to take the program to as many states as possible next year.

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“Competition and market forces have been absent from our healthcare system, and that has hurt working families tremendously,” Scott said. “We are excited to take the lead in doing what we do best – driving costs out of the system – and passing those savings to our customers and associates.”

The program will help alleviate a major challenge for seniors who have fallen into the “doughnut hole” coverage gap in their Medicare Part D prescription drug plans and now find themselves responsible for paying 100 percent of their prescription medicine costs.

“This act of good corporate citizenship will help consumers manage healthcare costs, while benefiting Florida’s growing population,” said Florida Governor Jeb Bush. “In addition to providing a great service, Wal-Mart is encouraging important conversations between patients and their doctors about the cost savings associated with generic prescriptions. I am pleased Wal-Mart chose Florida to launch this initiative where our large population of seniors will greatly benefit.”

“Fifty-bucks for a year’s supply of prescription drugs is a pretty darn good deal for consumers,” said U.S. Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL), an outspoken proponent of giving people access to lower-cost prescriptions. “Because Wal-Mart has the ability to shape the market, maybe other retailers will follow suit.”

In addition, the program provides a solution for the nearly 2.7 million uninsured Floridians who may also avoid filling prescriptions and remain untreated. Wal-Mart estimates that the program will save the state’s Medicaid program hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

In announcing the program, Bill Simon, executive vice president of the Professional Services Division for Wal-Mart, noted that purchasing a 30-day supply of the popular diabetes drug, Metformin, for \$4 represents a nearly 50 percent savings from the cost of the brand name version of the drug. In addition, purchasing a 30-day supply of the brand name blood-pressure drug typically costs \$12. Getting the generic, Lisinopril, for \$4 saves customers nearly \$100 annually.

“These are medicines for diabetes, cardiovascular disease, asthma, colds and infections – the kinds of medicines that working families need so they can treat illness, manage conditions and stay well,” said Simon. “Rising healthcare costs are eating up more and more of families’ budgets, so this program brings a lot of value to our customers, associates and communities.”

Generic medications contain the same active ingredients as their “brand-name” counterparts and are equally effective, but cost significantly less. Consumers interested in saving money on prescriptions through the program should ask their doctor if a generic is available for their prescription and is right for them. At this time, the \$4 prescriptions are not available by mail order and are available on-line only for in-person pickup in the Tampa Bay, Fla. area. Not all generics in each therapeutic category are included.

For further information on the program, customers can call 1-800-WALMART or visit their Tampa area Wal-Mart, Neighborhood Market or Sam's Club to discuss the program with their pharmacist or pick up a brochure that explains program details.

### **About Wal-Mart**

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. operates Wal-Mart discount stores, supercenters, Neighborhood Markets and SAM'S CLUB locations in the United States. The company operates in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, South Korea and the United Kingdom. The company's securities are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and NYSE Arca, formerly the Pacific Stock Exchange, under the symbol WMT.

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This release contains a statement that Wal-Mart believes is a "forward-looking statement" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that is intended to enjoy the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by that Act. This forward-looking statement discusses our management's forecast of comparable sales for the September five-week period. This statement is identified by use of the word "estimate" in the statement. This forward-looking statement is subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, domestically and internationally, including consumer spending patterns and debt levels, fuel prices, weather conditions, competitive pressures, currency exchange fluctuations, trade restrictions and other risks.

We discuss certain of these matters and other risk factors more fully in our filings with the SEC, including our last Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC. This release should be read in conjunction with that Annual Report on Form 10-K and our certain other filings with the SEC through the date of this release. We urge you to consider all of these risks, uncertainties and other factors carefully in evaluating this forward-looking statement. As a result of these and other matters, including changes in facts, assumptions not being realized or other circumstances, our actual comparable sales for the September five-week period may differ materially from the estimate discussed in the forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statement included in this release is made only as of the date of this release, and we undertake no obligation to update the forward-looking statement to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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