

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**  
**BUSINESS CORPORATION**

**ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The undersigned acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-1.1 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

FIRST. The name of the corporation is Medco Distributors, Inc.

(A close corporation pursuant to §7-1.1-51 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended) (strike if inapplicable)

SECOND. The period of its duration is (if perpetual, so state) Perpetual

THIRD. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To engage in the business of the wholesale and retail distribution and sale of first aid and safety supplies, and for any other lawful purpose or purposes for which a corporations may be formed under Title 7, Chapter 1.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws (1956) as amended.

The corporation shall have power: (See §7-1.1-4 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended.)

- (a) To have perpetual succession by its corporate name unless a limited period of duration is stated in its articles of incorporation.
- (b) To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in its corporate name.
- (c) To have a corporate seal which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced.
- (d) To purchase, take, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal in and with, real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- (e) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.
- (f) To lend money and to use its credit to assist its employees.
- (g) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares or other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district or municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.
- (h) To make contracts and guarantees and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, and income.
- (i) To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- (j) To conduct its business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this chapter, within or without this state.
- (k) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation, and define their duties and fix their compensation.
- (l) To make and alter by-laws, not inconsistent with its articles of incorporation or with the laws of this state, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the corporation.
- (m) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific or educational purposes.
- (n) To transact any lawful business which the board of directors shall find will be in aid of governmental authority.
- (o) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit-sharing plans, stock bonus plans, stock option plans and other incentive plans for any or all of its directors, officers and employees.
- (p) To provide insurance for its benefit on the life of any of its directors, officers, or employees, or on the life of any stockholder for the purpose of acquiring at his death shares of its stock owned by such stockholder.
- (q) To be a promoter, partner, member, associate, or manager of any partnership, enterprise or venture.
- (r) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purposes.

FOURTH. The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue is:

(a) *If only one class:* Total number of shares 8,000 with par value of \$1.00 per share.  
(If the authorized shares are to consist of one class only, state the par value of such shares or a statement that all of such shares are to be without par value.)

or

(b) *If more than one class:* Total number of shares .....  
(State (A) the number of shares of each class thereof that are to have a par value and the par value of each share of each such class, and/or (B) the number of such shares that are to be without par value, and (C) a statement of all or any of the designations and the powers, preferences and rights, including voting rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, which are permitted by the provisions of title 7 of the General Laws in respect of any class or classes of stock of the corporation and the fixing of which by the articles of association is desired, and an express grant of such authority as it may then be desired to grant to the board of directors to fix by vote or votes any thereof that may be desired but which shall not be fixed by the articles.)

FIFTH. Provisions (if any) dealing with the preemptive right of shareholders pursuant to §7-1.1-24 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended:

See EXHIBIT A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

EXHIBIT A

The shareholders of the corporation shall be entitled to a pre-emptive right, for a period of thirty (30) days following the notice referred to below, to subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire, in the proportions which their holdings of the shares of common stock of the corporation bear to all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation, any shares of the same class of the corporation, any equity shares and/or any voting shares of any class of the corporation which the corporation proposes to issue or any rights or options which the corporation proposes to grant for the purchase of shares of the same class of the corporation, any equity shares, and/or any voting shares of any class of the corporation or for the purchase of any shares, bonds, securities or obligations of the corporation which are convertible into, or exchangeable for, or which carry any rights to subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire shares of the same class of the corporation, any equity shares and/or any voting shares of any class of the corporation, whether now or hereafter authorized or created, whether having unissued or treasury status, and whether the proposed issue, reissue, transfer or grant is for cash, property or any other lawful consideration. The pre-emptive right granted herein shall be deemed waived by any shareholder who does not so exercise it and pay for shares, rights, options, bonds, securities or obligations within said thirty (30) days of receipt of notice in writing from the corporation stating the price, terms and conditions of the offering. After the expiration of said thirty (30) days, any and all of such shares, rights, options, bonds, securities or obligations of the corporation may be issued, reissued, transferred or granted by the corporation, as the case may be, to such persons, firms, corporations and associations, and for such lawful consideration, and on such terms as the corporation in its discretion may determine. As used herein, the terms "equity shares" and "voting shares" shall mean, respectively, shares which confer unlimited dividend rights and shares which confer unlimited voting rights.

The provisions contained herein are in lieu of the provisions regarding pre-emptive rights contained in Section 7-1.1-24 of the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act.

EXHIBIT B

1. The corporation may, from time to time, and in conformity with the provisions of the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act, distribute to its shareholders, directly or by the purchase of its own shares, a portion of its assets, in cash or property, out of the unreserved and unrestricted capital surplus of the corporation.

2. Except for those actions excluded by Section 7-1.1-30.3(b) of the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act, any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of shareholders may be taken without a meeting upon the written consent of less than all the shareholders entitled to vote thereon if the shareholders who so consent would be entitled to cast at least the minimum number of votes which would be required to take such action at a meeting at which all shareholders entitled to vote thereon were present. In the event of such written action, prompt notice of such action shall be given to all shareholders who would have been entitled to vote upon the action if such meeting were held.

3. No Director shall have personal liability to the corporation or to its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of such director's duty as a director provided that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of such director: (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or to its stockholders; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) the liability imposed pursuant to the provisions of §7-1.1-43; or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit (unless such transaction is permitted by §7-1.1-37.1).

4. The stock of the corporation is subject to transfer restrictions contained in its Bylaws and copies thereof are on file at the registered office of the corporation. Certificates of stock of the corporation are transferable only upon compliance with the provisions of said transfer restrictions.

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SIXTH. Provisions (if any) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation:

See EXHIBIT B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SEVENTH. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is  
..... One Old Stone Square, Providence, RI 02903 ..... (add Zip Code)  
and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is: .....  
..... James H. Hahn, Esquire .....

EIGHTH. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is ..... <sup>to be elected</sup> ..... and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

(If this is a close corporation pursuant to §7-1.1-51 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, state the name(s) and address(es) of the officers of the corporation.)

Name	Address
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NINTH. The name and address of each incorporator is:

Name	Address
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Daniel R. Brown	One Old Stone Square, Providence RI 02903
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TENTH. Date when corporate existence to begin (not more than 30 days after filing of these articles of incorporation):

Immediately upon filing

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND } City  
COUNTY OF Providence } In the ~~TOWN~~ of Providence

in said county this 26th day of September, A.D. 1989  
then personally appeared before me Daniel R. Brown

each and all known to me and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged said instrument by them subscribed to be their free act and deed.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires  
June 30, 1991

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