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Set the Agenda Align the Team Provide Feedback Innovation Collaboration Caring Accountability Integrity Our Purpose Helping people on their path to better health Integrity Delivering on our promises; doing what we say and what is right Accountability Taking personal ownership for our actions and their results Innovation Demonstrating openness, curiosity and creativity in relentless pursuit of delivering excellence Collaboration Sharing and partnering with people to explore and create things that we could not do on our own Caring Treating people with respect and compassion so they feel valued and appreciated CVS Health is a Purpose-driven Company with Strong Supporting Values

What We Do AFFORDABLE ACCESSIBLE EFFECTIVE OUR INTEGRATED ASSETS ...enabling  
us to deliver superior outcomes at a lower cost AFFORDABLE ACCESSIBLE EFFECTIVE OUR  
INTEGRATED ASSETS Patients Payors Providers Retail Mail Long-Term Care Infusion Medical Claims Editing  
Digital Retail Clinics Specialty Clinical Programs Cost Management Tools

Who We Are 2015 2014 2013 2011 2007 2017 2007: CVS Corp Acquires Caremark Rx CVS pioneers the integrated model Combined company is called CVS Caremark CVS Caremark strengthens position in Medicare Part D market 2011: CVS Acquires Medicare Rx Drug Business from Universal American 2013: CVS Caremark Acquires Coram CVS Caremark adds infusion services to health care offerings CVS Caremark announces it will stop selling all tobacco products at its stores 2014: CVS Caremark Exits Tobacco 2015: CVS Health Acquires Omnicare CVS Caremark broadens pharmacy presence to long-term care CVS Health grows its retail base with the addition of more than 1,670 pharmacies 2015: CVS Health Acquires Pharmacies in Target Stores 2014: Corporate Name Change to CVS Health Reflects broader health care commitment and expertise in driving the innovations needed to shape the future of health 2016 CVS Health announces new suite of tools, along with legacy programs, to address the nation's opioid crisis 2017: CVS Health Introduces Opioid Reform Throughout this period, product and service innovation brought Maintenance Choice, Specialty Connect, Pharmacy Advisor and Drive-thru Pharmacy to market. 2018 2018: CVS Health Announces Aetna Acquisition Combination will create a new platform to deliver health care



## Strategic Rationale for This Combination

Expanding our Integrated Health Care Platform Enables Us to Transform Care Quality ...enable us to deliver superior outcomes at a lower cost Our Integrated assets... Patients Payors Providers Retail Long-Term Care Pharmacy Mail Pharmacy Benefits Specialty Population Health Tools Medical Benefits Digital Clinical Programs Walk-In Clinics Infusion Data & Analytics Benefits Navigator Medical Claims Editing