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Fla. AG intervenes in Caremark lawsuit

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The State of Florida Department of Legal Affairs (headed by the Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist) filed a motion today requesting to intervene in a suit filed against the Nashville-based Caremark Rx (CMX) by Michael and Peppi Fowler.

The married couple, who formerly served as pharmacists at Caremark's Fort Lauderdale mail-order center, filed the suit in January 2003, accusing Caremark of improperly reselling medications returned by patients. The Florida Attorney General previously had declined to join the case.

In today's motion, the department indicated it had received new information regarding the Fowlers' relationship with Caremark which led it to believe the attorney general would be better suited to direct the litigation than the two original plaintiffs.

Caremark responded in support of the attorney general's motion and then filed one of its own, deeming the couple's continued discovery in the case inappropriate until the court has ruled on the Department's motion to intervene.

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