

Initial Brief Report on Pseudoephedrine Sales in the City of Washington, Missouri

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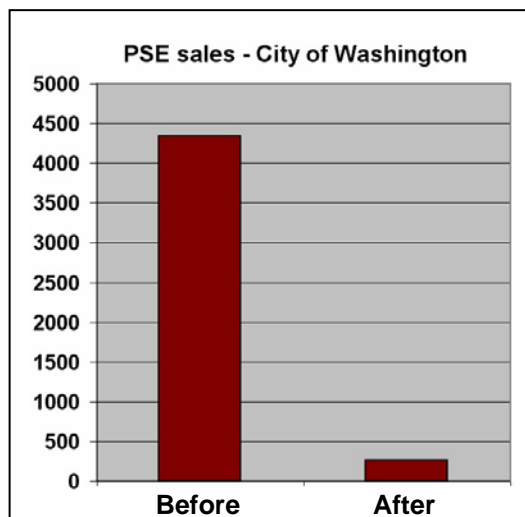
A. ACTION

On July 6, 2009, the City Council for the City of Washington, Missouri, enacted an ordinance making pseudoephedrine (PSE) a prescription drug. Pharmacies in the City of Washington were notified of the new ordinance requirements on July 7, 2009.

B. RESULTS

1. During the roughly 3 month period prior to adoption of the City of Washington PSE ordinance (April 1 through July 7, 2009), five pharmacies in the City of Washington sold a total of 4,346 cold and allergy products containing PSE.

2. During the roughly 3 month period following adoption of the City of Washington PSE ordinance (July 7 through September 30, 2009), those five pharmacies sold a total of 268 cold and allergy products containing PSE. This reflects a 94% drop in PSE product sales in the City of Washington. See the red bar graph to the right, and CHART 1 on page 2.



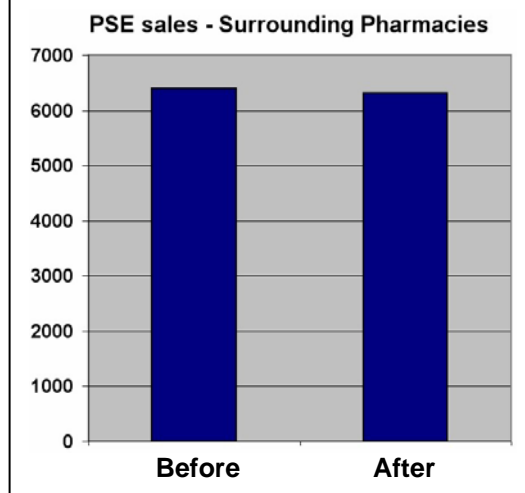
C. ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT NOTES

1. There has been no corresponding dramatic increase in sales of non-PSE cold and allergy products in the City of Washington.

2. There has been no corresponding spike in sales of PSE cold and allergy products in neighboring community pharmacies. See the blue bar graph to the right, and CHART 3 on page 2.

3. The population of the City of Washington is approximately 13,500.

4. It has been suggested that a significant part of this drop in PSE sales may be the result of seasonal variation (*i.e.*, allergy and cold seasons). However, that does not appear to be the case. Comparing the same period of time in 2008 with 2009 reflects a 92% drop in PSE product sales in the City of Washington. See CHART 2 on page 2.



5. Between April 1 and July 7, 2009, the Franklin County Narcotics Enforcement Unit and the City of Washington Police Department responded to 13 calls for service regarding methamphetamine labs or possession of PSE with intent to manufacture methamphetamine. From July 7 through September 30, 2009, that number dropped to 2. This includes all calls within in the 63090 zip code. That reflects an 85% decrease in methamphetamine lab related service calls.

D. CONCLUSION

Based on the results and additional important factors as recited above, we conclude that:

1. Prior to the City of Washington PSE ordinance, a significant, if not overwhelming, amount of PSE sales in the City of Washington were being diverted to make methamphetamine.
2. The City of Washington PSE ordinance has been highly successful in dramatically reducing the amount of PSE being diverted to make methamphetamine.

Pseudoephedrine products sold in the City of Washington, Missouri before and after prescription requirement

City of Washington Pharmacies

CHART 1

Store	4/1/2009 to 7/7/2009	7/7/2009 to 9/30/2009	Difference
Walmart	2407	130	-95%
Walgreens	1521	37	-98%
Target	196	18	-91%
Schnucks	146	18	-88%
Schroeder	76	65	-14%
Total	4346	268	-94%

CHART 2

Store	7/7/2008 9/30/2008	7/7/2009 to 9/30/2009	Difference
Walmart	1933	130	-93%
Walgreens	1076	37	-97%
Target	179	18	-90%
Schnucks	129	18	-86%
Schroeder	125	65	-48%
Total	3442	268	-92%

Surrounding Pharmacies

CHART 3

Store	4/1/2009 to 7/7/2009	7/7/2009 to 9/30/2009	Difference
Walmart (Union)	2685	2668	-1%
Walmart (Eureka)	1628	1760	8%
Walmart (Owensville)	1276	1121	-12%
Walmart (Sullivan)	803	759	-5%
Total	6392	6308	-1%

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