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BREAKING: Anthem sues Express Scripts over drug pricing

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Health insurer Anthem has sued Express Scripts Holding Co., alleging the pharmacy benefits manager is not passing along billions of dollars in savings from negotiated drug prices.

Anthem is seeking monetary damages and the ability to end its contract with Express Scripts.

Anthem CEO Joseph Swedish told investors at this year's recent J.P. Morgan Healthcare conference that Anthem was overpaying Express Scripts annually by \$3 billion through its Express Scripts contract and was "contractually entitled" to those savings. The contract is good through 2019.

"Anthem has worked hard for more than a year to try to get Express Scripts to engage in such good faith negotiations, but Express Scripts has refused to do so," an Anthem news release reads.

An Express Scripts spokesman released a statement that said, "Express Scripts values its relationship with Anthem and will continue to honor its commitments under the contract, as we would do with any client. Express Scripts has consistently acted in good faith and in accordance with the terms of its agreement with Anthem. We believe that Anthem's lawsuit is without merit."

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