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The following is a transcript of a video clip of an episode of CNBC's Squawk Box television program which aired on December 28, 2017, which was subsequently made available to employees of CVS Health Corporation:

**KAYLA TAUSCHE, CNBC, REPORTER:**

What sort of odds do you give the CVS-Aetna merger? Because the stock market seems to be skeptical.

**BERTHA COOMBS, CNBC, REPORTER:**

The stock market does seem to be skeptical, and I think it's such a different kind of deal that regulators have to think about. And normally it would be something that would probably go to the FTC because of CVS being the acquirer, but given the fact that we have those vacancies at the FTC, it could go to the DOJ, which doesn't seem to like these big massive sprawling deals. However, you do have so much consolidation; you also have Ascension and Providence St. Joseph reportedly talking about getting together. That would create a hospital powerhouse; non-profit, Catholic. Nearly 200 hospitals across the country.

So if you suddenly have that much consolidation and we are thinking about new models to keep people healthier it's an interesting deal. The stock market seems to indicate that there's going to be a lot of pushback.

**KEVIN O'LEARY:**

That deal came right after the rumor that Amazon was going to get their pharma distribution. Do you think it's because of a desire to bulk up? To defend themselves against that kind of thing?

**BERTHA COOMBS, CNBC, REPORTER:**

Yeah. I think that's part of it, although CVS is already on its own launch to delivery. They do home delivery. In fact, here in Manhattan, they are doing delivery same day. So within a couple of hours you can order your prescription and they'll deliver it to your door, if you're in Manhattan. This is really more about diversifying your portfolio. UnitedHealth has been building up its services in terms of the provider services; they have 30,000 affiliated doctors

through a number of practices that they have acquired. I think this is to compete with that. And to do it in a sense on a less

expensive scale because everyone is looking for sort of better, cheaper, more affordable wellness care and so the idea that you're able to have most people near a CVS within three miles anywhere they can go there, they could get some of their preventive services, so they don't have to go to the doctor, could be a little bit cheaper. And if they're on the Aetna plan, they could also get the kind of monitoring for things like diabetes. That's one of the big things that everyone is trying to tackle; trying to prevent people with Type 2 Diabetes from getting worse, and perhaps maybe getting off of medication and getting healthier. So for chronic disease management, that's what they're looking to do, to be able to have both the insurance and the provider in one shop. And, in this case, also the pharmacy.

**ANDREW ROSS SORKIN, CNBC, ANCHOR:**

You can show up to CVS to see...not your doctor, but it's going to be interesting.

**BERTHA COOMBS, CNBC, REPORTER:**

You can do a nurse practitioner. I mean I go to the doctor's office, and half the time it takes so long to see my doctor. If it's something simple, I see the nurse practitioner.

**KEVIN O'LEARY:**

I'm a CVS customer, and the app used to be terrible. It was crap. And now it really works.

**BERTHA COOMBS, CNBC, REPORTER:**

They are all doing that: Walgreens, CVS. They really want to engage you digitally. Walgreens will give you points if you've been walking. They connect with your Apple HealthKit, and...

**KEVIN O'LEARY:**

It's amazing.

**BERTHA COOMBS, CNBC, REPORTER:**

...if you do enough steps, they give you extra points. So suddenly you can get something free at the store.

**KEVIN O'LEARY:**

If we're ever running the show on digital at CVS, they should keep their job.

**KAYLA TAUSCHE, CNBC, REPORTER:**

Bertha, good stuff. Thank you.

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