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Bartell Drugs, Pharmitas join to fight meth

Seattle-based Bartell Drugs and Bellevue-based Pharmitas Inc., a provider of digital software solutions for the retail, healthcare, and government sectors, have launched a retail pilot program in Washington State's Snohomish County, utilizing SudaScan, a patent-pending software and database system to manage the sales of regulated OTC cough/cold products as mandated by the federal Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005. The SudaScan system logs, tracks, and reports sales of select OTC cough/cold products containing pseudoephedrine, ephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine. These ingredients are used in manufacturing methamphetamine.