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9	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
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11	B. AMBURGEY, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	CASE NO.: 8:17-CV-00183	
12	Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT (CLASS ACTION)	
13	vs.	1. Violation Consumers Legal	
14	CAREMARKPCS HEALTH, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, and	Remedies Act (Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq.)	
15	DOES 1-10, inclusive,	2. Violation of California Unfair Competition Law (Cal. Bus. & Prof.	
16	Defendants.	Code § 17200 et seq.) (Unlawful)	
17 18		3. Violation of California Unfair Competition Law (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 <i>et seq.</i>) (Fraudulent)	
19		4. Breach of Express Warranty	
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	COMPLAINT	Г (CLASS ACTION)	

Plaintiff B. Amburgey ("Plaintiff" or "Plaintiff Amburgey") brings this Complaint against Defendant CaremarkPCS Health, L.L.C., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and alleges, upon personal knowledge as to her own actions and her counsel's investigations, and on information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

NATURE OF THE CASE

1. This is a consumer protection class action. The prescription drugs at issue are Etanercept (hereinafter referred to by its trade name "Enbrel"), an expensive drug indicated for the treatment of five long-term inflammatory diseases, and all other refrigerated specialty drugs dispensed and shipped by Defendant CaremarkPCS Health, L.L.C. ("Specialty Drugs"). Enbrel, as well as at least several other of the Specialty Drugs, is manufactured by Immunex Corporation ("Immunex" or "Amgen"). Defendant CaremarkPCS Health, L.L.C. ("Defendant" or "Caremark"), is a direct subsidiary and pharmacy benefit manager of CVS Health, fills, provides and ships prescription drugs to purchasers and consumers. Enbrel must be stored and maintained between a temperature of 36 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit. Although Caremark is keenly aware of the specific temperature requirements, during the filling, dispensing and shipping of Enbrel and other Specialty Drugs, Caremark does not have adequate policies and procedures in place to ensure that the Specialty Drugs are maintained within that drug's required temperature range during storage and distribution such that it reaches end users with quality intact.

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2. A complete list of the specialty drugs dispensed by Caremark's specialty pharmacies is attached as Exhibit 1. As used herein, the term "Specialty Drugs" refers to all specialty drugs requiring refrigeration that are dispensed by Caremark's specialty pharmacies, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Actimmune (interferon gamma 1B)
- b. Avonex (interferon beta-1a)
- c. Betaseron (interferon beta 1B)

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1	d. Copaxone (glatiramer)
	e. Enbrel (etanercept)
2	f. Epogen (epoetin alfa)
3	g. Genotropin (somatropin)
4	h. Humatrope (somatropin)
5	i. Humira (adalimumab)
	j. Infergen (interferon alfacon-1)
6	k. Kaletra (lopinavir/ritonavir)
7	1. Neulasta (pegfilgrastim)
8	m. Neupogen (filgrastim)
	n. Norditropin (somatropin)
9	o. Norvir (ritonavir)
10	p. Procrit (epoetin alfa)
11	q. Rapamune (sirolimus)
	r. Rebetol (ribavirin)
12	s. Sandostatin (octreotide)
13	t. Sandostatin LAR (octreotide)
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14 3. Through this class action, Plaintiff challenges Caremark's unlawful and unfair business practices of (1) failing to store and distribute Specialty Drugs in the specified temperature ranges during transit between specialty pharmacies such as Caremark and the delivery address supplied by consumers; (2) failing to disclose that mail order pharmacies such as Caremark do not have adequate policies and procedures to ensure that the Specialty Drugs are maintained within the specified temperature range; (3) failing to disclose that Specialty Drugs shipped by specialty pharmacies such as Caremark may freeze during transit and no longer be suitable for use; (4) failing to disclose that Specialty Drugs shipped by specialty pharmacies such as Caremark may exceed the upper temperature limit and therefore (a) cannot be again refrigerated upon receipt and (b) may only suitable for use for a certain short number of days; and (5) failing to disclose that Specialty Drugs shipped by specialty pharmacies such as Caremark should be discarded for failing to meet FDA guidelines.

27 4. Such unlawful, deceptive, and misleading business acts and practices 28 violate California's consumer protection laws and give rise to claims under the

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Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq., hereinafter referred to as the "CLRA") and the Unfair Competition Law (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq., hereinafter referred to as the "UCL"). This Complaint alleges violations of the CLRA and provisions of the California Health & Safety Code as predicate acts to establish violations of the UCL.

At this time, Plaintiff seeks restitution, declaratory and injunctive relief. 5. As stated below, Plaintiff will later amend her Complaint to seek actual and statutory damages under the CLRA.

PARTIES

Plaintiff Amburgey is an adult resident of Newport Beach, Orange 6. County, California. During the Class Period, Plaintiff was prescribed and regularly took Enbrel.

7. Defendant CaremarkPCS Health, L.L.C. is, and at all times mentioned herein, was a Delaware limited liability company, with its principal place of business at One CVS Drive, Legal Department, Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895. Defendant's registered agent for service of process in California is CT Corporation System. Within this District, Caremark operates a specialty pharmacy at 1127 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Redlands, California 92374.

8. Plaintiff does not know the true names and capacities of the defendants sued herein as Does 1 through 10 ("Doe Defendants"), inclusive, and therefore sues said Doe Defendants by fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that each of the Doe Defendants is contractually, strictly, negligently, intentionally, vicariously liable and/or otherwise legally responsible in some manner for the acts and omissions described herein. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to set forth the true names and capacities of each Doe Defendant when the same are 26 ascertained.

9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that 27 Defendants and Doe Defendants 1 through 10, inclusive, and each of them, are and at 28

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all material times have been, the agents, servants or employees of each other,
purporting to act within the scope of said agency, service or employment in performing
the acts and omitting to act as alleged herein. Each of the Defendants named herein are
believed to, and are alleged to, have been acting in concert with, as employee, agent,
co-conspirator or member of a joint venture of, each of the other Defendants, and are
therefore alleged to be jointly and severally liable for the claims set forth herein, except
as otherwise alleged.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

10. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d), because at least one member of the Class is of diverse citizenship from Defendant, there are more than 100 members in the Class (defined *infra*), and the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interests and costs.

11. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant conducts business in the State of California, a substantial portion of the wrongdoing alleged by Plaintiff occurred in the State of California and this District, and Defendant has sufficient minimum contacts with and/or otherwise has purposefully availed itself of the markets of the State of California and this District such that it is fair and just for Defendant to adjudicate this dispute in this District.

12. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this District and, as a corporation subject to personal jurisdiction in this District, Defendant conducts business in this District.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

13. Plaintiff Amburgey was diagnosed with severe rheumatoid arthritis in or around 2012 and was prescribed and began using Enbrel in or around January 2015.

14. Plaintiff Amburgey's insurer, Anthem Blue Cross, requires her to obtain specialty drugs like Enbrel from Caremark's specialty pharmacy. Plaintiff obtained Enbrel from Caremark's specialty pharmacy in Redlands, California throughout 2015.

15. Enbrel is manufactured by Immunex Corporation, a subsidiary of Amgen, in Thousand Oaks, California. Enbrel is Amgen's best-selling arthritis medicine and Enbrel is one of the top ten drugs in the United States by total sales.¹

16. In 2013, sales of Enbrel in the United States exceeded \$4.2 billion dollars (\$4,256,000,000).² On information and belief, extrapolating based on the population size of California, sales in California accounted for about 12 percent of those sales, e.g. \$511 million in California in 2013 alone.

17. "Enbrel is a prescription medicine that can be self-injected. It is used to treat five long-term inflammatory diseases: moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), adult chronic moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in patients who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy, psoriatic arthritis, moderate to severe juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA), and ankylosing spondylitis (AS)."³

18. Enbrel is a biotech drug (or biologic), which means it is created inside a living cell culture. "Enbrel is a fusion protein, a molecule produced from recombinant DNA (rDNA)-a kind of molecular graft that combines multiple genetic properties like a horticultural graft joins vascular tissues. In the case of Enbrel, genetically-modified Chinese hamster ovary cells churn out the desired proteins."⁴

¹ *See* http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-04-22/amgen-revenue-missesanalysts-estimates-on-enbrel-sales.html ; http://www.drugs.com/stats/top100/sales (last yisited Feb. 1, 2017).

27 4 See http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2013/06/enbrel-and-theautoimmune-era/276911/ (last visited Feb. 1, 2017).

Amgen 2013 Letter to Shareholders, accessible online at http://investors.amgen.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=61656&p=irol-reportsannual (last visited Feb. 1, 2017).

See http://www.enbrel.com/what-is-ENBREL.jspx (last visited Feb. 1, 2017).

Enbrel is offered in four varieties of injection options: (1) Enbrel® 19. SureClick® 50-mg/mL autoinjector; (2) ENBREL single-use prefilled syringe; (3) ENBREL 25-mg multi-use vial free-hand method; and (4) ENBREL 25-mg vial 3 adapter method.⁵ 4

Enbrel, like other specialty drugs, is an expensive drug, with an average 20. monthly cost of \$2,436 (\$31,668 per year) for one of its varieties.⁶ The out-of-pocket cost for Enbrel can reach \$50,000 per year.⁷

According to Express-Scripts, despite their use by only 1-2% of the 21. United States population, specialty drugs accounted for 37% of United States drug spending in 2015.⁸

22. Plaintiff Amburgey's monthly co-pay for Enbrel was approximately \$150.00 per 28-day supply.

Enbrel must be stored and maintained between a temperature of 36 and 46 23. degrees Fahrenheit.⁹ The following statement is prominently displayed on the top and on two sides of the Enbrel box:

"Before and after reconstitution refrigerate at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F).

DO NOT FREEZE" (emphasis in original).

See http://www.enbrel.com/inject-ENBREL.jspx (last visited Feb. 1, 2017). https://www.consumerreports.org/health/resources/pdf/best-buy-See drugs/BBD Rheumatoid Arthritis Summary.pdf (last visited Feb. 1, 2017). See Alison Kodjak, Health Inc.: Specialty Drugs Can Prove Expensive Even With Medicare Coverage, NPR, December 3, 2015, available at http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2015/12/03/458216778/specialty-drugs-canprove-expensive-even-with-medicare-coverage. See https://lab.express-scripts.com/lab/drug-trend-report (last visited Feb. 1,

25 2017). 26

Manufacturer's Medication Guide. available online See at 27 http://pi.amgen.com/united states/enbrel/derm/enbrel mg.pdf (last visited Feb. 1. 2017). 28

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24. The same statement is included on each individual package within the box, and is found in various locations throughout the Medication Guide and Instructions For Use ("Medication Guide") pamphlet included in each box.

25. Recently, the FDA approved instructions that allow for Enbrel to be stored at room temperature (68 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit) for up to 14 days. Once Enbrel reaches room temperature, however, it may not be refrigerated again.

26. The Medication Guide also instructs that a patient should "[t]hrow away Enbrel that has been stored at room temperature after 14 days."¹⁰

27. There are no valid studies supporting the viability of Enbrel shipped outside of the FDA required temperature range of 36 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit.

28. Several shipments of Enbrel that Plaintiff Amburgey received from Caremark arrived frozen. Plaintiff allowed the Enbrel to thaw and later injected herself with the Enbrel that had frozen.

14 29. Caremark provides Enbrel to Plaintiff and others in standard 28-day15 doses.

30. Each shipping box Plaintiff receives from Caremark contains two boxes of Enbrel. Each box of Enbrel contains four dose trays of Enbrel and is intended and required to be used for a 28-day period.

31. Despite only having obtained approval to store Enbrel at room temperature for 14 days, Immunex only manufactures, sells and distributes Enbrel in 28-day supplies. As a result, if an entire shipment of Enbrel reaches room temperature, only half may be properly stored and used under FDA guidelines.

23 32. Plaintiff Amburgey and her physician eventually determined that the24 Enbrel was not effectively treating her arthritis symptoms.

33. At her physician's advice, Plaintiff Amburgey eventually discontinued use of Enbrel in or around December 2015 to try other medications.

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134. In 2016, Plaintiff Amburgey tried Celgene and later Orencia, without2results.

35. Plaintiff Amburgey later learned that she had an infection that was affecting her artificial knee replacement.

36. Physicians informed Plaintiff Amburgey that she had likely had the infection for some time—including the time she was on Enbrel—without knowing it.

37. Serious infections are a well-known side effect of Enbrel: "Infections, including serious infections, some fatal, have been observed in patients treated with ENBREL. Discontinue ENBREL if a patient develops a serious infection or sepsis." (https://www.enbrel.com/hcp/why-enbrel/safety-in-rheumatology/)

38. Based on the advice of her physicians, Plaintiff Amburgey discontinued all medications and arranged to have two surgeries to replace her knee.

39. In or around June 2016, Plaintiff Amburgey had surgery to add a spacer in her knee. In or around August 2016, Plaintiff Amburgey had surgery to replace her knee.

40. Plaintiff Amburgey's physicians have told her that she could and should resume use of Enbrel after one-year passes from her last surgery, which will be in or around August 2016.

41. Plaintiff Amburgey plans to resume using Enbrel in or around August 2016 to attempt to alleviate her severe arthritis symptoms.

42. A real estate agent by trade, Plaintiff has recently been unable to work due to the pain associated with walking and moving around and plans to resume working if she is able to reduce the painful symptoms associated with her arthritis.

Caremark's Common Course of Conduct

43. Caremark ships Enbrel and other Specialty Drugs to Plaintiff and the Class according to a uniform policy.

44. Caremark's practices or procedures for the preparation, dispensing, and/or
shipment of Enbrel and other Specialty Drugs are inadequate, as they do not ensure

that Enbrel and the other Specialty Drugs have remained within the specified temperature range.

45. Caremark typically uses frozen and room temperature gel packs manufactured by Nordic Ice when shipping Specialty Drugs to consumers.

46. Per a new policy started in or around May 2014, Caremark has placed a room temperature gel pack between the Specialty Drug boxes and the frozen gel packs, as it has with other Specialty Drugs. Placement of a room temperature gel pack does not guarantee or effectively ensure the temperature of the Enbrel and other Specialty Drugs.

47. The outer packaging (e.g., the cardboard box) used to ship the Specialty Drugs contains affirmative misrepresentations, including:

a. The statement: "The melting of the cold pack can be expected during transit of your order" which represents that the Specialty Drug was shipped appropriately;

 b. A logo of a penguin crossed out, which represents that the Specialty Drug has not been frozen and should not be frozen, as well as an instruction to keep the Specialty Drug refrigerated;

48. Caremark includes a pre-printed notice in each Specialty Drug shipment that represents that its shipping procedure and/or process is "new and improved," "does even more" to keep Specialty Drugs cold, and exceeds "industry standards". All of these affirmative misrepresentations are false.

49. Caremark adds a "REFRIGERATED" label to each Specialty Drug package which serves to misrepresent that the Specialty Drug has been adequately refrigerated and that Plaintiff and class members should place the Specialty Drug in a refrigerator despite the known temperature excursions.

26 50. Caremark ships Enbrel to Plaintiff and other class members using United
27 Parcel Services ("UPS"). When a shipment is rejected because the customer is not
28 home, the Specialty Drug is delivered via a number of express couriers, including, but

not limited to, Golden State Same Day Couriers. On information and belief, UPS and the express couriers that Caremark uses do not utilize temperature controlled vehicles for transport of Enbrel and other Specialty Drugs to Plaintiff and other consumers.

51. Caremark has never instructed Plaintiff or the Class, in writing or otherwise, to verify the temperature of Enbrel or the other Specialty Drugs filled by its specialty pharmacies.

52. Caremark has never provided or included a means by which Plaintiff or the Class could monitor or verify the temperature of the Enbrel or other Specialty Drugs after it left Caremark's pharmacy.

53. For example, Caremark could affix a disposable temperature indicator on Specialty Drug boxes or include a reusable temperature recorder, but does not.

54. Disposable temperature indicators could be purchased from vendors such as 3M for a nominal cost.

55. Caremark could ship Plaintiff's Enbrel and other class members' Specialty Drugs to them through a courier that utilizes climate controlled delivery vehicles (such as those that distribute meat and grocery products).

56. On information and belief, because the vehicles used to transport the Enbrel and other Specialty Drugs are not temperature controlled, the temperature of the Enbrel and other Specialty Drugs was much less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit at the time it left the shipping facility and remained at this below freezing temperature during transit, as it would have warmed during transit and upon removal from the packaging.

57. The fact that the Enbrel and the other Specialty Drugs delivered to Plaintiff and Class members may have frozen is a material fact because Plaintiff, a reasonable consumer, would have acted differently, including, but not limited to: (1) purchasing a competing product instead of the Specialty Drugs; (2) selecting the Specialty Drugs from a different source; and/or (3) paying less for the Specialty Drugs. As such, Defendant has a duty to disclose said material information to Plaintiff and other members of the Class.

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58. The fact that the Specialty Drugs delivered to Plaintiff and Class members may have been stored and/or shipped outside of the specified temperature range is a material fact because Plaintiff, a reasonable consumer, would have acted differently, including, but not limited to: (1) purchasing a competing product instead of a Specialty Drug; (2) selecting the Specialty Drug from a different source; and/or (3) paying less for the Specialty Drug. As such, Defendant has a duty to disclose said material information to Plaintiff and other members of the Class.

59. The fact that Defendant does not have adequate policies and procedures to store and distribute Specialty Drugs in the specified temperature range is a material fact because Plaintiff, a reasonable consumer, would have acted differently, including, but not limited to: (1) purchasing a competing product instead of a Specialty Drug; (2) selecting a Specialty Drug from a different source; and/or (3) paying less for the Specialty Drug. As such, Defendant has a duty to disclose said material information to Plaintiff and other members of the Class.

60. Had Plaintiff and other members of the Class been aware of any of the omitted information, they would not have purchased the Specialty Drugs or would have paid less money for the Specialty Drugs. As such, Defendant caused Plaintiff and other Class members to suffer an economic injury.

61. Like the Specialty Drugs, the smallpox vaccine must be kept between 36 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit and cannot be frozen. The Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") publishes a Guide for Smallpox Vaccine Packing and Shipping ("Guide"). The guidelines are based in part on CDC's research on different shipping and handling methods under strenuous test conditions.

62. The CDC also urges pharmacies to "consider including at least one heat indicator and one cold indicator in every box, with instructions on how to interpret them." Guide, at 9. Later, it notes that "temperature monitors should normally be used." Guide, at 11.

63. The CDC also notes that it is important to establish a routine, systematic process. On information and belief, any policies and procedures Defendant purports to have with regard to packing and shipment of Specialty Drugs are inadequate and are not routine or systematic.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

64. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and as a class action pursuant to the provisions of Rules 23(a), 23(b)(2) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff seeks to represent a class initially defined as:

Any resident of the United States who obtained a Specialty Drug from a Caremark specialty pharmacy located in California during the Class Period (hereinafter, the "Class").

65. The "Class Period" dates back four years (or the length of the longest applicable statute of limitations for any claim asserted) and continues through the present and the date of judgment. Specifically excluded from the Class are: (a) any officers, directors, or employees of Defendant; (b) any judge assigned to hear this case (or spouse or immediate family member of any assigned judge); (c) any employee of the Court; (d) any juror selected to hear this case; and (e) any attorneys of record and their employees.

66. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify, expand, or amend the above Class definition or seek certification of a class that is defined differently than above before any court determines whether certification is appropriate following discovery.

67. *Numerosity*. Members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. While the number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time, Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Class numbers at least in the thousands.

68. *Ascertainability*. The community of interest among the Class members in the litigation is well defined and the proposed Class is ascertainable from objective

criteria. The identities of Class members can be obtained from Defendant's business records. Class members can be notified of the pendency of Plaintiff's Complaint by mail or published notice. If necessary to preserve the case as a class action, the Court can redefine the Class and/or create subclasses.

69. *Commonality and Predominance*. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact affecting the parties to be represented in this action. Common questions of law and fact that exist as to all members of the Class and predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, include, but are not limited to:

- a. Whether Caremark determined proper storage, handling and shipping practices for Specialty Drugs;
 - b. Whether Caremark failed to store and ship Specialty Drugs in the specified temperature range during transit between Caremark's specialty pharmacies and the delivery address supplied by consumers;
 - c. Whether Caremark's instructions to "Refrigerate Upon Receipt or Refrigerate Upon Opening" are false and misleading to consumers who may incorrectly assume that the temperature of the Specialty Drugs at the time of delivery is not relevant;
 - d. Whether Caremark's failure to disclose that it does not have adequate policies and procedures to ensure that the Specialty Drugs are maintained within the specified temperature range constitutes a material omission likely to deceive a consumer;
 - e. Whether Caremark's failure to disclose that Specialty Drugs it ships may freeze during transit and no longer be suitable for use constitutes a material omission likely to deceive a consumer;
 - f. Whether Caremark's failure to disclose that Specialty Drugs it ships may exceed the upper temperature limit and therefore (a) cannot be again refrigerated upon receipt and (b) are only suitable for use for a maximum

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of fourteen (14) days constitutes a material omission likely to deceive a consumer;

- g. Whether Caremark's failure to disclose that Specialty Drugs it ships should be discarded for failing to meet FDA guidelines constitutes a material omission likely to deceive a consumer;
- h. Whether Caremark violated Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 *et seq.* by making material omissions likely to deceive consumers, thereby making misrepresentations and untrue representations under Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a);
- i. Whether Caremark violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq.;
- j. Whether Caremark violated the California Health & Safety Code; and
- k. Whether Plaintiff and class members sustained injury and damages resulting from Caremark's conduct and, if so, the proper measure of statutory damages, declaratory and equitable relief, and the amount and nature of such relief.

70. *Typicality*. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of members of the Class. Typical of other class members, Plaintiff's Specialty Drug prescription was filled, provided and shipped by Caremark. Plaintiff and the class members each sustained damages arising from Caremark's common course of wrongful conduct, as alleged more fully herein. Plaintiff's claims are founded on the same legal theories as those of the Class. The effort Plaintiff undertakes to pursue her own claim will significantly benefit the class members because of the identical nature of the issues across the Class.

71. *Adequacy of Representation*. Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Class because her interests do not conflict with the interests of the other class members and because Plaintiff has retained counsel competent and experienced in complex class action and consumer litigation, including substantial experience in the types of claims

alleged in this Complaint. Plaintiff and her counsel will fairly and adequately protect
 the interests of the Class.

72. *Declaratory and Injunctive Relief.* Caremark has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to Plaintiff and other members of the Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief and declaratory relief, as described below, with respect to the members of the Class.

73. Superiority of Class Adjudication. The certification of a class in this action is superior to the litigation of a multitude of cases by members of the Class. Class adjudication will conserve judicial resources and will avoid the possibility of inconsistent rulings. Moreover, there are class members who are unlikely to join or bring an action due to, among other reasons, their reluctance to sue Defendant and/or their inability to afford a separate action. Equity dictates that all persons who stand to benefit from the relief sought herein should be subject to the lawsuit and hence subject to an order spreading the costs of the litigation among the class members in relation to the benefits received. The damages, restitution, and other potential recovery for each individual member of the Class are modest, relative to the substantial burden and expense of individual prosecution of these claims. Given the amount of the individual class members' claims, few, if any, class members could afford to seek legal redress individually for the wrongs complained of herein. Individualized litigation presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments. Individualized litigation increases the delay and expense to all parties and the court system presented by the complex legal and factual issues of the case. By contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties, and provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court.

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74. In the alternative, the above-referenced Class may be certified because:

a. The prosecution of separate actions by the individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudication with respect to individual class members' claims which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant;

1 2 b. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of adjudications which would as a practical matter 3 be dispositive of the interests of other members of the class who are 4 not parties to the adjudications, or which would substantially impair or 5 impede the ability of other class members to protect their interests; 6 7 and, c. Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable 8 9 to the Class, thereby making appropriate final and injunctive relief 10 with respect to the Class. 11 **COUNT I** (Violation of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act, 12 Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq.) 13 Plaintiff incorporates all preceding and succeeding allegations by 75. 14 reference as if fully set forth herein. 15 Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the Class against 16 76. Defendant. 17 18 77. In addition, Plaintiff brings her request for injunctive relief on behalf of 19 the general public. This cause of action is brought pursuant to the California Consumers 2078. Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq. (the "CLRA"). 21 22 Defendant's actions, representations and conduct have and continue to be 79. subject to the CLRA because they extend to transactions that are intended to result, or 23 24 that have resulted, in the sale of goods to consumers. Plaintiff and other class members are "consumers" within the meaning of 25 80. Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(d). 26 27 Defendant is a "person" as defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(c). 81. 28

82. Each of the Specialty Drugs is a "good" within the meaning of Cal. Civ.
 Code § 1761(a).

83. Plaintiff and many class members are either "disabled persons" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(g) or are "senior citizens" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(f).

84. By engaging in the deceptive acts and practices set forth in this Complaint, Defendant violated, and continues to violate the CLRA in at least the following respects:

- a. In violation of § 1770(a)(2), Defendant misrepresented the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of the Specialty Drugs, as delivered by Defendant.
- b. In violation of § 1770 (a)(5), Defendant represented that the Specialty Drugs, as delivered by Defendant, have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have.
- c. In violation of § 1770 (a)(6), Defendant represented that the Specialty Drugs, as delivered by Defendant, are original or new though they have deteriorated unreasonably or are altered, reconditioned, reclaimed, used, or secondhand.
 - d. In violation of § 1770 (a)(7), Defendant represented that the Specialty Drugs, as delivered by Defendant, are of a particular style or model, though they are of another.
 - e. In violation of § 1770 (a)(16), Defendant represented that the Specialty Drugs, as delivered by Defendant, have been supplied in accordance with previous representations when they have not.

85. Had Caremark disclosed that the Specialty Drugs filled by mail order and
delivered to Plaintiff and members of the Class may or may not have been maintained
at the specified temperature range of 36 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit during storage and

delivery, Plaintiff and members of the Class would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

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86. Had Caremark included upper-limit and lower-limit (or a combination of the two) temperature indicators in the Specialty Drugs shipments it filled by mail order and delivered to Plaintiff and members of the Class, Plaintiff and members of the Class would not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs that were delivered outside of the specified temperature range.

87. Had Caremark included a temperature recorder with the Specialty Drugs filled by mail order and delivered to Plaintiff and members of the Class, Plaintiff and members of the Class would not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs that were delivered outside of the specified temperature range.

88. Had Plaintiff and members of the Class known that the Specialty Drugs provided by Caremark's specialty pharmacies may have frozen during storage or shipment, they would have not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

89. Had Plaintiff and members of the Class known that the Specialty Drugs provided by Caremark's specialty pharmacies may have exceeded the upper limit of the specified temperature range of 36 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit during storage or shipment, they would have not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

90. Had Plaintiff and members of the Class known that the Specialty Drugs
provided by Caremark's specialty pharmacies may exceed the upper limit of the
specified temperature range of 36 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit during storage or
shipment, they would have not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have

refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the
 Specialty Drugs.

91. Had Caremark disclosed to Plaintiff and members of the Class that it did not possess, utilize, or apply adequate policies and procedures to maintain specified temperature range of 36 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit during storage or mail order shipment, they would have not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

92. Plaintiff and members of the Class deem the disclosure of abovedescribed information important in determining how to act in the transactions at issue.

93. Defendant has a duty to disclose the above-described information to Plaintiff and members of the Class. Failure to provide such information could result in significant health and safety risks to Plaintiff and the Class, resulting in them injecting and/or using Specialty Drugs that are adulterated, misbranded, mutated, ineffective, or, at the very least, not approved for use due to health and safety concerns. The Immunex-authored Enbrel Medication Guide (that "summarizes the most important information about Enbrel") warns:¹¹

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"Store Enbrel in the refrigerator at 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C)";

- b. "Once Enbrel has reached room temperature, do not put it back in the refrigerator";
- c. "Throw away Enbrel that has been stored at room temperature after 14 days";
- d. "Do not store Enbrel in extreme heat or cold. For example, avoid storing Enbrel in your vehicle's glove box or trunk"; and
- e. "Do not freeze".

¹¹ http://pi.amgen.com/united_states/enbrel/derm/enbrel_mg.pdf.

94. Moreover, Defendant had exclusive actual knowledge, actively concealed and suppressed the above-described information that it was duty-bound to disclose. Plaintiff and members of the Class have no independent means of obtaining said information.

95. Defendant's acts and omissions constitute unfair, deceptive, and misleading business practices in violation of Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a).

96. Plaintiff has suffered actual damages and injury, including but not limited to, pecuniary damages, as a result of Defendant's unfair, deceptive, and misleading business practices.

97. Plaintiff has complied with Cal. Civ. Code § 1782(a) by notifying Defendant in writing, by certified mail with return receipt requested (letter mailed Feb. 1, 2017), of the violations alleged herein, and demanded that Defendant remedy and take corrective action. As of the filing of this Complaint, the time for Defendant to respond has not elapsed and, as such, Plaintiff does not seek actual or statutory damages at this time. Once the time has elapsed, Plaintiff will amend her Complaint to seek recovery of actual and statutory damages.

98. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Class, seeks: (a) injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring Defendant to cease the acts of unfair competition alleged herein and to correct and/or enact adequate policies and procedures for filling, providing and shipment of the Specialty Drugs; (b) injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring Defendant to include a temperature indicator on the Specialty Drug boxes and/or include a reusable temperature recorder; and (c) the payment of attorney fees and costs pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1780(e).

99. In addition, Plaintiff and members of the Class who are senior citizens (65
years of age or older) and/or disabled are further entitled to statutory damages of up to
five thousand (\$5,000) pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1780(b) because they have
suffered substantial physical, emotional, or economic damage resulting from
Defendant Caremark's conduct and (1) Defendant knew or should have known that

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their conduct was directed to one or more persons who was a senior citizen and/or disabled; and/or (2) Defendant's conduct caused one or more senior citizen and/or disabled person to suffer: loss or encumbrance of a primary residence or source of income, or to suffer substantial loss of property set aside for retirement, or for personal or family care and maintenance, or substantial loss of assets essential to the health or welfare of the senior citizen and/or disabled person; and/or (3) the Plaintiff and the Class consist of one or more senior citizens and/or disabled persons who are substantially more vulnerable than other members of the public to Defendant's conduct because of age, poor health or infirmity, impaired understanding, restricted mobility, or disability, and actually suffered substantial economic damage resulting from Defendant's conduct. *See* Cal. Civ. Code § 3345(b)(1)-(3).

COUNT II

(Violation of Unfair Competition Law,

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq. – "Unlawful" Prong)

100. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding and succeeding allegations by reference as if fully set forth herein.

17 101. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the Class against18 Defendant.

102. This cause of action is brought pursuant to California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 *et seq.* ("the UCL").

103. Defendant engaged in unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent conduct under the UCL by concealing the material fact that it does not have adequate policies and procedures for filling, providing and shipment of Specialty Drugs to Plaintiff and members of the Class. Defendant knew or should have known that its omissions and affirmative misrepresentations were likely to deceive consumers.

104. Defendant's conduct is unlawful in that it violates the CLRA.

105. Defendant's actions and practices constitute "unlawful" business practices in violation of the UCL because, among other things, they violate the CLRA as detailed in Plaintiff's first cause of action.

106. Defendant's conduct is also unlawful in that it violates the California Health & Safety Code. *See, inter alia*, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 111255; 111260; 111280; 111285; 111290.

107. Had Plaintiff and members of the Class known that Defendant did not have adequate policies and procedures for packaging and shipment of the Specialty Drugs, they would not have purchased the Specialty Drugs from Defendant, and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

108. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violations, Plaintiff and members of the Class have suffered and continue to suffer injury in fact and lose money or property as a result of Defendant's material omissions and affirmative misrepresentations.

109. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Class, seeks: (a) injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring Defendant to cease the acts of unfair competition alleged herein and to correct and/or enact adequate policies and procedures for filling, dispensing and shipping of Specialty Drugs; (b) injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring Defendant to include a temperature indicator on Specialty Drug boxes and/or include a reusable temperature recorder; (c) restitution; (d) declaratory relief; and (e) attorney fees and costs pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. P. § 1021.5, *inter alia*.

COUNT III

(Violation of Unfair Competition Law,

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq. – "Fraudulent" Prong)

25 110. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding and succeeding allegations by26 reference as if fully set forth herein.

27 111. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the Class against28 Defendant.

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112. This cause of action is brought pursuant to California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 *et seq.* ("the UCL").

113. Defendant engaged in unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent conduct under the UCL by concealing the material fact that it does not have adequate policies and procedures for filling, providing and shipment of Specialty Drugs to Plaintiff and members of the Class. Defendant knew or should have known that its omissions and affirmative misrepresentations were likely to deceive consumers.

114. A business act or practice is "fraudulent" under the UCL if it is likely to deceive members of the consuming public.

115. Defendant's business acts or practices of failing to disclose and actively concealing material information, as described herein, are fraudulent within the meaning of the UCL because they were likely to deceive and did deceive Plaintiff and other members of the consuming public into believing that it had adequate policies and procedures to ensure that the Specialty Drugs were maintained, stored, dispensed and shipped at the specified temperature range and that the Specialty Drugs were not adulterated, misbranded, mutated, ineffective, or otherwise unapproved for use due to health and safety concerns, when in fact Caremark did not possess, utilize, or apply adequate policies and procedures to maintain specified temperature ranges of the Specialty Drugs during storage or mail order shipment.

116. Had Caremark disclosed that the Specialty Drugs filled by mail order and delivered to Plaintiff and members of the Class may or may not have been maintained at the specified temperature range of 36 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit during storage and delivery, Plaintiff and members of the Class would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

117. Had Caremark included upper-limit and lower-limit (or a combination of
the two) temperature indicators in the Specialty Drugs shipments it filled by mail order
and delivered to Plaintiff and members of the Class, Plaintiff and members of the Class
would not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the

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118. Had Caremark included a temperature recorder with the Specialty Drugs filled by mail order and delivered to Plaintiff and members of the Class, Plaintiff and members of the Class would not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs that were delivered outside of the specified temperature range.

119. Had Plaintiff and members of the Class known that the Specialty Drugs provided by Caremark's specialty pharmacies may have frozen during storage or shipment, they would have not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

120. Had Plaintiff and members of the Class known that the Specialty Drugs provided by Caremark's specialty pharmacies may have exceeded the upper limit of the specified temperatures during storage or shipment, they would have not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

121. Had Plaintiff and members of the Class known that the Specialty Drugs provided by Caremark's specialty pharmacies may exceed the upper limit of the specified temperature ranges during storage or shipment, they would have not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

122. Had Caremark disclosed to Plaintiff and members of the Class that it did not possess, utilize, or apply adequate policies and procedures to maintain specified temperature ranges during storage or mail order shipment, they would have not have purchased the Specialty Drugs, would have refused the delivery of the Specialty Drugs and/or would have paid less for the Specialty Drugs.

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123. Plaintiff and members of the Class deem the disclosure of abovedescribed information important in determining how to act in the transactions at issue.

124. Defendant has a duty to disclose the above-described information to Plaintiff and members of the Class. Failure to provide such information could result in significant health and safety risks to Plaintiff and the Class, resulting in them injecting and/or using Specialty Drugs that are adulterated, misbranded, mutated, ineffective, or, at the very least, not approved for use due to health and safety concerns.

125. Moreover, Defendant had exclusive actual knowledge, actively concealed and suppressed the above-described information that it was duty-bound to disclose.Plaintiff and members of the Class have no independent means of obtaining said information.

126. As a result, consumers, including Plaintiff, reasonably perceived and expected that the Specialty Drugs could be used as delivered and would be free from any health or safety risks. This perception and expectation induced reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff, to purchase Specialty Drugs from Caremark, which they otherwise would have not have purchased, for which they would have refused delivery and/or for which they would have paid less.

127. Defendant engaged in concealment designed to mislead Plaintiff and other class members into believing that the Specialty Drugs were maintained, stored, dispensed and shipped at the specified temperature range and that the Specialty Drugs were not adulterated, misbranded, mutated, ineffective, or otherwise unapproved for use due to health and safety concerns. As a result of Defendant's concealment and affirmative misrepresentations, Plaintiff did not know, and could not know through the exercise of reasonably diligence, be expected to know, of the l and health and safety risks involved in their purchase and use of the Specialty Drugs, or of Defendants' fraudulent conduct.

128. Plaintiff and other class members relied on Defendant's omissions and affirmative misrepresentations in failing to disclose material facts regarding the inadequate policies and procedures to maintain specified temperature ranges during
 storage or mail order shipment.

129. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violations, Plaintiff and members of the Class have suffered and continue to suffer injury in fact and lose money or property as a result of Defendant's material omissions and affirmative misrepresentations.

130. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Class, seeks: (a) injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring Defendant to cease the acts of unfair competition alleged herein and to correct and/or enact adequate policies and procedures for filling, dispensing and shipping of Specialty Drugs; (b) injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring Defendant to include a temperature indicator on Specialty Drug boxes and/or include a reusable temperature recorder; (c) restitution; (d) declaratory relief; and (e) attorney fees and costs pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. P. § 1021.5, *inter alia*.

COUNT IV

(Breach of Express Warranty)

131. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Class, incorporates by reference and re-allege the preceding paragraphs.

132. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the Class.

133. Plaintiff and each member of the Class formed a contract with Defendant at the time Plaintiff and the other members of the Class purchased one or more of the Specialty Drugs. The terms of that contract include the promises and affirmations of fact made by Defendant on the packaging of the Specialty Drugs, as described above. The Specialty Drug packaging constitutes express warranties, became part of the basis of the bargain, and are part of a standardized contract between Plaintiff and the members of the Class on the one hand, and Defendant on the other.

26 134. All conditions precedent to Defendant's liability under this contract have27 been performed by Plaintiff and the Class.

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135. Defendant breached the terms of this contract, including the express warranties, with Plaintiff and the Class by not providing the products that could provide the benefits promised, i.e., that Caremark's applicable shipping policies and procedures failed to maintain the Specialty Drugs at the required temperature range.

136. As a result of Defendant's breach of its contract, Plaintiff and the Class have been damaged in the amount of the purchase price of any and all of the Products he or she purchased.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Class, prays for relief as follows:

1. For an order certifying that the action may be maintained as a class action and appointing Plaintiff and her undersigned counsel to represent the Class in this litigation;

2. For an order declaring that the acts and practices of Defendant constitute violations of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 *et seq.* and Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 *et seq.*;

3. For a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant from continuing to harm Plaintiff and members of the Class and the public, and violating California law in the manners described above;

4. For restitution;

5. For reasonable attorneys' fees and the costs of the suit; and

6. For all such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper and may be available at law or equity.

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2	Plaintiff hereby demands trial by jury of all claims so triable.		
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AFFIDAVIT OF CALEB MARKER

I, Caleb Marker, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm Zimmerman Reed, LLP and am one of the attorneys representing Plaintiff B. Amburgey in this action. This declaration is made pursuant to California Civil Code section 1780(d). I make this declaration based on my research of public records and also upon personal knowledge and, if called upon to do so, could and would testify competently thereto.

2. Based on my research of public records and personal knowledge, Defendant CaremarkPCS Health, L.L.C. conducts business within this Judicial District, operating a specialty pharmacy at 1127 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Redlands, California 92374.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 2nd day of February 2017.

> /s/ Caleb Marker Caleb Marker

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