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Waldo County To Offer Prescription Drug Discount Card That Can Be Used by All Residents

Discount Cards Will Offer Average Savings Of 22 Percent Off Retail Price

[November 24, 2008] — Waldo County will soon be introducing a discount card program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county has signed a contract to make free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 22 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards, which will be available December 11, 2008 through December 31, 2008 may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. Approximately three pharmacies in the county will accept the NACo card, and more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies nationwide will honor it.

“County residents who have prescription coverage also can save money by using the card for drugs that their health plan doesn’t cover,” said District 2 Waldo County Commissioner John M. Hyk. “But this program is really beneficial for people who are underinsured or uninsured, and they do not have to be in the Medicare program to participate.”

There will be no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and the County of Waldo to make these money-saving cards available to residents. A future announcement will specify how and when residents may obtain the cards.

“Presenting the NACo discount card at a participating pharmacy is easy because there is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restriction on frequency of use,” said Waldo County Commissioner Hyk. “Cardholders and their family members can all use the card, and it may be presented whenever their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.”

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founding 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,066 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.