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## **Waldo County Prescription Drug Discount Widely Used In First Six Months**

### *County Residents Take Advantage of Free Discount Cards to Save Money on Prescription Drugs*

[June 29, 2009] — In December 2008, The Waldo County Commissioners launched a program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county is making the 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.

“During the first six months since the introduction of the County of Waldo Rx card, county residents have filled 172 prescriptions with an average discount of 21.16% per prescription,” Waldo County Commissioner Donald P. Berry announced today.

“The level of interest in making the prescription drug discount cards available has been just incredible,” stated County Clerk Barbara Arseneau. “All organizations and businesses that were asked to serve as distribution points have been more than willing to assist. Other organizations and businesses such as the local Waldo County Healthy Maine Partnership and KSW Federal Credit Union contacted the Commissioners Office and asked if they could also distribute the cards in order to make them more readily available to county citizens.”

There is no cost to Waldo County taxpayers to make these money saving cards available. The cards may be used by all Waldo County residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and they are accepted at five county pharmacies. A national network of more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies also honor the County of Waldo Rx prescription discount card.

“NACo has made the prescription discount card program easy to use at any participating pharmacy,” said Commissioner Berry. “For example, there are no membership fees, enrollment forms or use restrictions. Every family member can use the card, and it can offer savings when their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.”

Cards are available at numerous locations within Waldo County. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit [www.caremark.com/naco](http://www.caremark.com/naco) for assistance with the program.

The program is administered by CVS Caremark.

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