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OTTAWA COUNTY LAUNCHES PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD THAT CAN BE USED BY ALL RESIDENTS

On June 15, 2009 Ottawa County Commissioners launched a discount card program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county is making free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 22% off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at 9 pharmacies in the county. A national network of more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies will honor the NACo prescription discount card.

“Ottawa County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo,” said County Commissioner James Sass. “The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage can use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan. Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program,” said County Commissioner Steve Arndt.

Best of all, there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Ottawa County to make these money saving cards available to our residents.

Cards will be available at the Ottawa County Courthouse, Board of Health, Job and Family Services, Senior Resources, Riverview Healthcare Campus, OCTA, Sutton Center, Village of Clay Center, Ottawa Residential Services, Put-In-Bay Township, and many other locations. Please visit the Ottawa County website @ www.co.ottawa.oh.us and click on the prescription discount link for a complete list of available card pick-up locations. County residents can also call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit www.caremark.com/naco for assistance with the program.

“Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy,” said County Commissioner Mark Stahl. “Simply present it at a participating pharmacy. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. “

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark. **This is not insurance and discounts are only available at participating pharmacies.**