

15. NACo PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PROGRAM

As directed last month, I have researched the National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Drug Benefit Program and am pleased to offer the following report.

The NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card program was designed for uninsured and underinsured county residents. Through a partnership with Caremark, this discount card program can save an average of 23% off the full retail cost of prescription medication for county residents.

There are no enrollment fees, no forms to fill out, no age or income requirements, and no medical condition restrictions. An entire family is covered with just one card and virtually all commonly prescribed medicine is covered. There are no costs — no cost to the county, county taxpayers, or consumers to participate. Caremark negotiates the discounts directly with participating pharmacies.

Neither NACo nor the participating counties receive any revenue from the program. The discount cards are provided free to all residents living in participating NACo member counties across the country. A national network of more than 59,000 retail pharmacies honor the card. Residents are able to simply go on-line, enter the appropriate information, and print their prescription discount card. They then present the card to any participating retail pharmacy on any prescription not otherwise covered by insurance to receive an average discount of 23%. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times residents may use the card and it covers both brand-name and generic medications.

In Franklin, the following pharmacies participate in the program: Walmart, Farm Fresh, Walgreens, Rite Aid, and Parker Drug. In Emporia, Walmart, Rite Aid, CVS, Jones Pharmacy and Anderson Pharmacy participate. The Windsor Pharmacy participates as well.

The Program is only available to residents of counties that are members of the National Association of Counties (NACo). As you know, the Board canceled its membership in FY 2010 – the annual cost to the County for membership is \$400.

MOTION REQUIRED:

If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required directing that the County rejoin NACo and publicize the Prescription Drug Benefit Program to county residents.