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PRESS RELEASE

Franklin County To Offer Prescription Drug Discount Card For All Residents

Discount Cards Will Offer Average Savings of 20 Percent Off Retail Price

Louisburg, December 11, 2007: Franklin 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 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards, which are now available, may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. An estimated 95 percent of the county's pharmacies will accept the NACo card, and a national network of more than 57,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor it.

"The NACo prescription discount card will offer significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage may use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan," said Kelly Faulkner, Human Resources Manager. "Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program."

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

"Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy," said Mrs. Faulkner. "A cardholder will simply present it at a participating pharmacy. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance."

The discount card program is administered by Caremark Rx, Inc.

For additional information, contact Franklin County Human Resources Manager at (919) 496-5994 or visit www.co.franklin.nc.us.

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