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**Prescription Discount Card Program for Allegany County Residents**

The Allegany County Commissioners, Michael W. McKay, Creade V. Brodie, Jr., and William R. Valentine, announced that Allegany County residents can now qualify for the National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Discount Card Program. Allegany County recently rejoined NACo and this program is one of the top member benefits. Brian P. Westfall, SPHR, IPMA-CP, Director of Human Resources and Personnel Services, discussed the program at the March 17<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

- NACo emphasizes that the Prescription Discount Card Program is NOT insurance. Allegany County residents will simply have the opportunity to save money anytime their prescription medicine is not covered by insurance.
- Allegany County residents may participate regardless of age, income, current medical conditions, and existing health insurance coverage.
- Cardholders and their family members will save, on average, 24% off the full retail cost of their prescription medicine. The savings will depend on the prescription drug itself and the quantity of the prescription drug purchased. The cardholder will pay the lower of NACo's pre-negotiated discount price or the pharmacy's retail price.

This program is also a useful option with Medicare Part D. The discount card may be used any time Medicare Part D does not cover prescription medicine. Pet prescription medicine used to treat human medical conditions may also be purchased with the discount card.

This is a free program. There is not any fee to enroll. There is not a membership fee. Many independent pharmacies and most chain pharmacies accept the

discount card. As of now, there are 19 pharmacies in Allegany County which accept the discount card.

It is easy for interested residents to obtain the prescription discount card. Allegany County Government has arranged for the discount cards to be available at all branches of the Allegany County Public Library System and at the Allegany County Health Department. The County is continuing to pursue additional distribution points. Individuals may also print the discount card from the NACo website, [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org), by searching for "prescription."

This program is expected to be in place as of June 1, 2011.