

## **NACo Prescription Discount Card Program Fact Sheet**

- What It Is:** The NACo Prescription Discount Card program helps residents save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. The free cards are distributed in the sponsoring county and may be used at any participating retail pharmacy. County residents can also print a card from the Internet. The discount card is not insurance.
- Savings:** Savings average 22%; some discounts may be more, and some less, depending on the drug and quantity purchased. Cardholders may save on pet prescriptions at participating pharmacies for medications that also treat human conditions.
- Who It's For:** The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. 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.
- What It Costs:** Unlike many other card programs, there is no enrollment cost or membership fee. The cardholder pays the negotiated discount price or the pharmacy's retail price, whichever is lower. The average discount is 22%.
- Participating Pharmacies:** More than 60,000 pharmacies nationwide accept the card, including most chain pharmacies and many independent pharmacies.
- Additional Benefits:** The program has a safety feature that alerts pharmacists when one drug may have a drug interaction with another medication the cardholder is taking, if the prescriptions were obtained with the NACo Prescription Discount Card.
- The NACo Prescription Discount Card program remains a useful option now that Medicare Part D has been implemented. For example, the card can be used when a Medicare Part D plan doesn't cover a drug.
- About CVS Caremark:** The program is administered by CVS Caremark, which has had broad experience in managing prescription discount cards since 1992. CVS Caremark negotiates with pharmacies to offer a discount off their retail prices. Most pharmacies contract to participate because it draws customers to their stores.