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**FREDERICK COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM SAVES
RESIDENTS MONEY IN FIRST SIX MONTHS**

FREDERICK, MD – Residents who took advantage of Frederick County's free prescription drug discount card program over the past six months filled 2,239 prescriptions with savings of \$35,029, averaging 23% per prescription.

The Frederick Board of County Commissioners launched the program in March to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county is making the free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties that offers average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The prescription drug discount cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, and are honored at many of the county's pharmacies as well as through a national network of more than 57,000 participating pharmacies. The cards are available at the Frederick County Health Department, the Frederick County Department of Social Services, the Frederick Community Action Agency, branch offices of Frederick County Public Libraries and senior centers of the Frederick County Department of Aging. The cards are also available by calling 301-600-6699.

Residents simply present the discount prescription card 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.

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For further details about the prescription drug discount card program, visit www.co.frederick.md.us/RxCard. The website offers information on drug coverage and pricing, refilling mail order prescriptions, a drug dictionary and a drug-to-drug interaction checker.

Caremark administers the discount card program. The National Association of Counties is a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical and public affairs assistance to county governments.

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