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Savings Surpass \$300,000 for Participants in Calvert County's Prescription Drug Discount Program

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 6, 2014 – Calvert County's free prescription drug discount program has hit a milestone: More than \$300,000 has been saved by residents on their prescription drugs since the program was introduced in July 2009.

More than 17,000 prescriptions have been filled by Calvert County residents, with discounts averaging nearly 30 percent, or \$17.66 per prescription.

The program helps consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county makes the free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage and are accepted at all of the county's pharmacies. A national network of more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies also honors the card.

To use the discount card, residents simply present it at a participating pharmacy. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no limit on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. The card also covers pet medications available at participating pharmacies. The card cannot be used for co-pays or to obtain additional discounts on prescriptions that are covered by insurance.

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The NACo website for the program, www.nacorx.org, includes information on local pharmacies and drug pricing, as well as tools to make the process of obtaining a card easier. The site offers information on drug interactions and provides information on specific drugs.

There is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Calvert County to make these money-saving cards available to our residents. Cards are available at all Calvert County libraries, senior centers, the Health Department and the Calvert County Department of Community Resources, located at 30 Duke Street in Prince Frederick. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit www.nacorx.org for assistance with the program.

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,066 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to more than 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.