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## **Baldwin County To Offer Prescription Drug Discount Card That Can Be Used by All Residents**

*Discount Cards Will Offer Average Savings Of 22 Percent Off Retail Price*

**BALDWIN COUNTY, AL,** — Baldwin 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 22 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards, which will be available Friday, October 23, 2009, at the Baldwin County Commission Administration Building (322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette), the Baldwin County Central Annex (22251 Palmer St., Robertsdale), Baldwin County Fairhope Satellite Courthouse (1100 Fairhope Ave, Fairhope), and the Baldwin County Foley Satellite Courthouse (201 East Section St., Foley), may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. There are over 50 pharmacies in the county that will accept the NACo card, and a national network of more than 59,000 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 David Ed Bishop, Baldwin County Commission Chairman. “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 Baldwin County to make these money-saving cards available to residents.

“Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy,” said Charles F. Gruber, Baldwin County Commission Vice-Chairman. “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 CVS Caremark.

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