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Calvert County Prescription Drug Discount Program Widely Used in First Three Months *County Residents Take Advantage of Free Discount Cards to Save Money on Prescription Drugs*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – November 6, 2009 - During the first three months since the introduction of Calvert County's free prescription drug discount program, county residents filled 463 prescriptions with the cards at discounts averaging nearly 22 percent (\$13.64 per prescription), for a total savings of more than \$6,300.

Calvert County launched the program 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 (NACo).

"The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for both uninsured and underinsured residents of the county, and residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to use the card," said Calvert County Board of County Commissioners President Wilson Parran. "Even residents who have insurance coverage can use the card when their plan does not cover a particular drug. Best of all, there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Calvert County to make these money-saving cards available to our residents."

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 Calvert County Prescription Discount Card.

Cards are available at all Calvert County libraries, senior centers, the Health Department and the

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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.caremark.com/naco for assistance with the program.

To use the discount card, residents 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 program is administered by CVS Caremark.

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.

Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 4,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.

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