



CALVERT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

175 Main Street
Courthouse
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678
Phone: (410) 535-4583 • (301) 855-1880
<http://www.ecalvert.com>

Director
Linda S. Vassallo

Board of Commissioners
Gerald W. Clark
Linda L. Kelley
Wilson H. Parran
Susan Shaw
Barbara A. Stinnett

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: | April 14, 2009
Contacts: Danita Boonchaisri, Marketing/Communications Specialist
410.535.4583 E-mail: danitab@co.cal.md.us

Mark Volland, Public Information Specialist
410.535.4583 E-mail: vollanrm@co.cal.md.us

Calvert County to Offer Prescription Drug Discount Card to County Residents *Discount Program Will Save an Average of 22 Percent Off Retail Prices*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – April 14, 2009 – Calvert County will soon be introducing a discount card program to help residents 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 will be available July 1, 2009, and may be used by all Calvert County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. Approximately 17 pharmacies in the county will accept the NACo card, and more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies nationwide will honor it.

The Calvert County Department of Community Resources will supervise the program. “The NACo prescription drug discount card will offer significant savings for our uninsured and underinsured residents, and even those who have prescription coverage may use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan,” said Department of Community Resources Director Maureen Hoffman. “Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program.”

The partnership with NACo allows Calvert County to provide the drug discount program at no taxpayer expense. The program, administered by CVS Caremark, features no enrollment form,

-- more --

Calvert County to Offer Prescription Drug Discount Card to County Residents

April 14, 2009

Page 2

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.

Details on card availability and distribution will be released as they are confirmed. For more information, contact the Calvert County Department of Community Resources at 410-257-1947.

###

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.