



# Calvert County NEWS

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### **Calvert County Launches Prescription Drug Discount Card That Can Be Used by All Residents** *Cards Offering Average Savings Of 22 Percent To Be Available July 1*

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – June 17, 2009** – Calvert County is launching a discount card program July 1 to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county is making 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 may be used by all Calvert County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage and are accepted at 17 county pharmacies. A national network of more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount card.

Cards will be available at all Calvert County libraries, senior centers, the Health Department and the Calvert County Department of Community Resources Building at 30 Duke Street in Prince Frederick. County residents can call toll-free 1-877-321-2652 or visit [www.caremark.com/naco](http://www.caremark.com/naco) for assistance with the program.

“Calvert County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo,” said Maureen Hoffman, Director of the Calvert County Department of Community Resources. “The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for the uninsured

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and underinsured residents of our county, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage can use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan. Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program.”

Additionally, there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Calvert County to make these money saving cards available to residents.

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 discount card 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](http://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 5,000 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.*