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Calvert County Residents Save More Than \$130,000 with Prescription Drug Discount Program

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Oct. 31, 2011 – Calvert County's free prescription drug discount program, first offered in July 2009, has saved county residents more than \$130,000 through Sept. 2011. Residents have filled more than 8,600 prescriptions at discounts averaging over 27 percent or \$15.60 per prescription.

The drug discount 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 or income 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. There is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Calvert County to make these money-saving cards available to our 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 who have insurance may use the card in situations where their insurance provider does not cover a particular medication. 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.

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

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Calvert Memorial Hospital Emergency Room and Urgent Care Centers, 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.caremark.com/naco for assistance with the program.

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