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RESIDENTS SAVING MONEY BY USING FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD

Franklin County residents are saving thousands of dollars by using the free Franklin County prescription drug discount card.

Nearly a year ago, in April 2008, Franklin County launched the program to help residents cope with the high price of prescription drugs. Franklin County makes the free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo).

“This is a cost effective partnership with our National Association. Our Franklin County families can obtain a prescription card at libraries, clinics, and from our faith community partners, as well as at county offices,” said Commissioner Paula Brooks. “The card is a common sense approach to prescription savings.”

In December 2008, 2,099 people used the discount card. The individuals saved \$60,377 from over 3,400 filled prescriptions. Card holders are saving an average of \$11.35 per prescription, or 25% off the retail price.

To date, \$355,508 has been saved on over 20,741 prescriptions.

“With the rising cost of healthcare and prescriptions in particular, families are looking to save dollars wherever they can, and the county’s prescription discount card program is delivering real savings,” said Commissioner Marilyn Brown. “There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. It is available to ALL residents of Franklin County.”

“We continue to encourage residents to pick up their card today,” said Commissioner John O’Grady. “Even those fortunate enough to have prescription coverage can use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan. Using the card is quick and easy; discounts are taken right at the register.”

Cards are still available at all public buildings including libraries, county buildings, and senior centers or can be requested online at www.franklincountyohio.gov/rx.

The cards may be used by all Franklin County residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at most of the county's pharmacies. A national network of more than 57,000 participating retail pharmacies also honors the Franklin County prescription drug discount card.

For more information on the card or to get a complete list of Franklin County pharmacies accepting the card, please call 877-321-2652 or log on to www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/Rx.