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Miami-Dade County Introduces Prescription Discount Card to Help Alleviate High Costs

Residents can take advantage of savings on average of 24 percent

Miami-Dade County (August 22, 2011) – Miami-Dade County today launched a new program to help residents deal with the high cost of prescription medications. Through a partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo), the free Prescription Discount Card program provides area residents with a card that offers an average of 24 percent savings off the retail price of prescription medications.

The card can be used by those who do not have insurance or by those who have prescriptions not covered by insurance. The card can also be used on some pet medications and is accepted at 9 out of 10 pharmacies throughout the region.

The program's introduction to Miami-Dade County was spearheaded by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, who recognized the need for residents to have better access to affordable prescriptions. "In such a difficult economy, many residents are simply overwhelmed with the high cost of health care and necessary medications," said Commissioner Heyman. "The best aspect of this program, which is completely free, is that it provides all Miami-Dade residents significant savings on their prescriptions whether they are insured or not."

The free discount cards may be used by all Miami-Dade residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. The Miami-Dade Prescription Discount Cards are available at various County facilities, including Commission offices, library branches, and service centers throughout the county. The discount cards can also be printed from the Internet at www.caremark.com/naco. Residents can locate the nearest participating pharmacy from the same website or call toll-free at 1.877.321.2652 for assistance with the program.

"We're pleased to work with counties around the country to bring this important program to their residents," said Andrew Goldschmidt, NACo's Director of Membership & Marketing. "By working with our member counties, we are better positioned to develop programs that specifically target the needs of our nation's counties. The Prescription Discount Card program is just one example of what we hope to accomplish."

Miami-Dade will be joining more than 1,400 counties across the country currently offering the Prescription Discount Card Program to residents. Since the program's inception in December 2004, participating counties have saved their residents more than \$400 million on the cost of their prescriptions.

The program is administered by CVS Caremark.

For more information about the Miami-Dade Prescription Discount Card, please visit www.miamidade.gov/ochp or call 3-1-1.