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## **Ashe County Launches Prescription Drug Discount Card That Can Be Used by All Residents**

### ***Discount Cards Offering Average Savings Of 20 Percent Off Retail Price***

[DATELINE] — Ashe County launched a discount card program 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 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

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

"Ashe County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo," said County Manager Dan McMillan. "The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for the uninsured 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."

Cards will be available at the Ashe County Department of Social Services, Ashe Memorial Hospital, New River Behavioral Healthcare, Family Central, and Ashe Services for Aging. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancex.com> for assistance with the program.

Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy. 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 program is administered by Caremark.

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