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### **St. Mary's County Prescription Drug Program Saving Residents Money** *Residents receive an average saving of \$19.92 per prescription and 29 percent off retail price*

In March 2010, St. Mary's County began offering a prescription discount card program to help consumers cope with the high cost of prescriptions. To date, County residents have saved more than \$89,145.17, an average saving of \$19.92 per prescription or 29 percent off the retail price and 4,426 prescriptions have been filled through November 2011. This average has surpassed the original saving estimate of \$13 per prescription or 22 Percent off the retail price.

The cards are easy to use, simply present the card to the participating pharmacy. There are no enrollment forms, no membership fees or limitations on frequency of use. Residents may use the card any time prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

The free discount cards are offered through a partnership with the National Association of Counties and CVS Caremark.

There is no cost to county taxpayers for St. Mary's County to provide these cost effective prescription cards. The cards may be used by all county residents regardless of age or income. Discount cards can be used with any existing health coverage and there are many participating pharmacies in the county.

Cards are available at all St. Mary's County Libraries, Senior Activity Centers, and the Division of Human Services and via the internet by logging on to [www.caremark.com/naco](http://www.caremark.com/naco).

#### NACo Prescription Drug Program in St. Mary's County

Category	St. Mary's County
Total savings to date	<b>\$89,145</b>
Average savings per prescription	<b>\$19.92</b>
Total percentage of retail discount	<b>28.81%</b>
Prescriptions filled through NACo program	<b>4,426</b>

*As of November 2011*

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*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 3,068 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).*

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St. Mary's County Government will be responsive and accountable to the county's citizens; provide high quality, cost effective and efficient services; preserve the county's environment, heritage and rural character and foster opportunities for present and future generations.