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St. Mary's County Prescription Drug Program
Continues to Save Residents Money

Average savings of \$21.41 per prescription and 30 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 in excess of \$159,745, an average of \$21.41 per prescription or 30 percent off the retail price. A total of 7,462 prescriptions have been filled through March 2013, surpassing the savings estimate of \$19 per prescription or 29 Percent off the retail price as reported in January 2012.

The cards are easy to use; simply present the card to the participating pharmacy. There are no enrollment forms needed, no membership fees or limitations on frequency of use. Residents may use the card any time for 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 plan 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.

NACo Prescription Drug Program in St. Mary's County
As of April 2013

Category	St. Mary's County
Total savings to date	\$159,744.66
Average savings per prescription	\$21.41
Total percentage of retail discount	30.4%
Prescriptions filled through NACo program	7,462

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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.

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