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RE: Yancey County Launches Prescription Discount Card DATE: April 30, 2010

CONTACT: J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Yancey County Launches Prescription Discount Card That Can Be Used by All Residents

Discount Cards Offering Average Savings Of 22 Percent Off Retail Price

On May 1st Yancey County launched a discount card program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescriptions. 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 22 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 all of the county pharmacies. A national network of more than 60,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount card.

“Yancey County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo.” said Commissioner Jerri Storie. “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 medications that are not covered by their health plan. Best of all, there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Yancey County to make these money saving cards available to our residents.”

Residents can visit www.caremark.com/naco to print an ID card and use it immediately at any participating pharmacy. Cards will also be available at the Yancey County Health Department, Yancey County Department of Social Services, the Yancey County Courthouse offices, and the Yancey County Senior Center. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit www.caremark.com/naco for assistance with the program.

“Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy,” said Commissioner Johnny Riddle. “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 CVS Caremark.

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