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City of Sanford To Provide Residents with Easy-to-Use Program that can Help Save Money on Prescription Drug Purchases

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January 1, 2009 -The City of Sanford will soon introduce a program that will provide its residents with a new tool that can provide some relief from the high cost of prescription drugs. The city has signed a contract to make free prescription drug discount cards available to city residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The discount cards offer average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

Available in late January, 2009, the discount cards may be used by all residents of Sanford, NC and have no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage. The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at approximately 10 pharmacies around the city, as well as at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

“In the current economic climate, where many people are watching what they spend, the NLC prescription discount card will offer significant savings on the purchase of prescription medications for our residents,” said Karen Kennedy “Whether or not an individual has prescription coverage, this program can make it easier for our residents to afford the drugs they need to deal with a short-term illness or stay healthy by managing a chronic condition.” This is not an insurance program and the savings on prescription drugs will benefit residents who are without health insurance, a traditional benefit plan, or have prescriptions that are not covered by insurance.

NLC and the City of Sanford are able to make these money-saving cards available to city residents at no cost to the individual. A future announcement will provide information on how and when residents may obtain the cards.

“Not only does the NLC prescription discount card help residents save money on their medications, it is easy to use,” said Karen Kennedy “. Sanford residents only have to show their card when purchasing medication at one of the many participating pharmacies. There is no enrollment form required to get a card, no membership fee of any kind and city residents and their family members can use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.”

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

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