

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 2.

**DATE OF MEETING:** July 20, 2009

**REQUESTED BY:** Dr. Reta M. Shiver

**SHORT TITLE:** Prescription Drug Discount Program

**BACKGROUND:** Pender County Commissioners and NACo are launching a program to help families save money on prescription medicine not covered by insurance. A prescription discount card will be available to **all** county residents at no cost. The prescription discount card will save an average 22% off the price of all commonly prescribed medications.

The cards will be disseminated at a number of locations throughout Pender County including the Pender County Department of Social Services, Pender County Health Department, and Pender Adult Services. Cards will be available at the different locations on Monday, August 3, 2009 and thereafter.

A number of local pharmacies will participate in the Prescription Drug Discount Program including: REALO Discount Drugs, S. Topsail Drive, Surf City; Kerr Drug, Hwy 117, Burgaw; Dees Drug Store, Wright St., Burgaw; Pender Memorial Hospital, Fremont St., Burgaw; Rocky Point Pavilion Pharmacy, 7910 US Hwy 117, Rocky Point; Atkinson Drug, West Main St., Atkinson; Maple Hill Pharmacy, NC Hwy 50, Maple Hill; Village Pharmacy US Hwy 17, Hampstead; CVS Pharmacy, US Hwy 17 N, Hampstead; Medical Center Pharmacy, US Hwy 17 N, Hampstead; Hampstead Family Pharmacy LLC, US Hwy 17 N, Hampstead.

Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy. County residents will simply present the card 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.

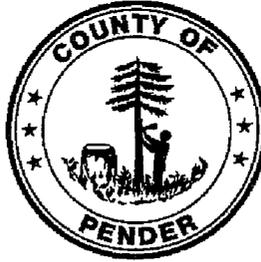
A real plus for this program is that there is no cost to Pender County Taxpayers for NACo and Pender County to make these money saving cards available to Pender County residents.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Burgaw, N.C. (July 20, 2009) – Jimmy Tate, Chairman of the Pender County Board of Commissioners, has announced that on Monday, August 3, 2009, and thereafter, Pender County will launch a prescription discount card program to help citizens 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 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 a number of local pharmacies throughout Pender County, including Surf City, Rocky Point, Atkinson, Burgaw, Maple Hill, and Hampstead. Participating pharmacies can be found in surrounding counties as well. (A list of all participating pharmacies can be downloaded at [www.caremark.com/wps/myportal!/ut/p/kcxml/04](http://www.caremark.com/wps/myportal!/ut/p/kcxml/04)).

“Pender County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo,” said Mr. Tate. “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.”

Best of all, there is no cost to Pender County taxpayers for NACo and Pender County to make these money saving cards available to our residents. Cards will be available at the Pender County Department of Social Services, Pender County Health Department and Pender Adult Services. Cards will also be available at many other locations throughout the county, but these locations will be announced later. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit [www.caremark.com/naco](http://www.caremark.com/naco) for assistance with the program. Additionally, county residents may call Pender County Department of Social Services and speak to Patricia Walker, IM Administrator in charge of all Medicaid Programs in Pender County, at (910) 259-1240.

“Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy,” according to Mr. Tate. “Simply, present the card 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.”

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