

REPORT

**NACo PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND**

Prince George County has been participating in the National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Discount Card Program since 2006. Counties may choose to participate in the National Association of Counties (NACo) prescription card program. This program is free for counties. A discount card may be printed at <http://www.nacorx.org/>. This is NOT an insurance program. The discount card can only be used for prescriptions not covered by insurance or Medicare.

A few main points about the program:

- There is no cost to NACo, no cost to the counties participating in the program, and no cost to the citizens using the discount card. Membership is free.
- The program provides great flexibility for participating counties. The discount cards can be used by anyone - senior citizens, the elderly, or the uninsured.
- Citizens are able to use the card to purchase prescriptions that are not covered by insurance plans.
- Citizens do not have to fill out any forms to participate and the counties do not have to maintain a database of who has the cards. The card may be printed online and can be used immediately by anyone who needs it.
- The discount cards are accepted at more than 68,000 pharmacies nationwide. The overall average savings is about 24 percent.

Some local pharmacies which accept the card:

RITE AID PHARMACY 0764  
5210 OAKLAWN BLVD  
NORTH PRINCE GEORGE, VA 23860

WALGREENS 12360  
3201 OAKLAWN BLVD  
HOPEWELL VA 23860

CVS PHARMACY 01978  
2100 S CRATER RD  
PETERSBURG VA 23805

**STATUS**

Total cost savings by Prince George County residents since 2007 is \$43,050.37. The number of users has dropped steadily from 252 in 2007 to 39 in 2015. Since the prescription discount card cannot be used with existing medical insurance, staff has inferred that The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act signed into law March 23, 2010 is accommodating citizens not previously covered. Any Prince George County citizens who pay retail prices for prescriptions should print out a card and present it at their next pharmacy visit.

<http://www.nacorx.org/faq>

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **General Questions**

▼ How much does the program cost?

Your prescription discount card is provided to you free of charge by the county.

▼ Does everyone in my family need an individual card?

No, everyone in the family may use the same card if desired.

▼ I just received my card. Can I use it right away?

Yes, just use your card to start saving immediately. Present your prescription discount card at a participating retail pharmacy when you fill or refill your prescriptions.

▼ I've lost my card. How can I get a replacement?

Please click on the "Print Your NACo Card Today" link (on the right-hand side of this page) or call toll-free 1-877-321-2652.

▼ Can I use my card to get discounts on over-the-counter products and non-prescription medications?

Not usually. However, discounts are available for many diabetic supplies.

▼ How is this prescription discount program different from traditional prescription insurance?

This is not insurance; it is a prescription discount program. The card provides immediate discounts at the pharmacy. Upon presenting your card to the pharmacist, you will pay the lower of a discounted price or the pharmacy's regular retail price. There are no claim forms to fill out and no limit to the number of times you can use the card. These discounts are available only at participating retail pharmacies.

▼ Can I use my prescription discount card with my current insurance benefit to reduce my costs?

Your card cannot be used in conjunction with insurance. However, you are able to use your card to purchase prescriptions that are not covered by these plans.

▼ Can I still use my prescription discount card if I sign up for a Medicare prescription plan?

Yes, you can use your prescription discount card anytime you need to purchase a prescription that is not covered by your Medicare prescription plan or any other insurance.

▼ Should I use my prescription discount card during my deductible and coverage gap periods for covered medications?

No, only use your prescription discount card to purchase non-covered medications.

▼ Can I use my prescription discount card in addition to my Medicare prescription plan and get additional discounts?

No, you need to present either your Medicare prescription plan card or your prescription discount card. Only use your prescription discount card when purchasing medications not covered by your Medicare prescription plan.

▼ I'm not going to sign-up for a Medicare prescription plan. Can I still use my prescription discount card?

Yes, you can continue to use your prescription discount card just as you do today.

### **Using the Program for Pet Medications**

▼ Can I use this card to get discounts on my pet's medication(s)?

Yes, if your pet has been prescribed a medication that is also used to treat a human condition, you may receive a discount on the medication by taking the prescription to a participating retail pharmacy.

▼ How does the program work for pet medication(s)?

The program only works for pet medications dispensed from a participating pharmacy. These are the same medications that would also be used to treat human conditions. Examples are medications for seizures, heart conditions, infections, allergies, pain relief, diabetes and anti-depressants used to treat behavioral disorders in animals.

▼ How do I get a prescription for my pet's medication(s)?

Talk to your veterinarian during your pet's visit to see if the pet's prescribed medications are also used to treat human conditions. If so, you can request a written prescription from your veterinarian to take to a participating pharmacy. Take the written prescription(s) and your NACo Prescription Discount card to any participating pharmacy. Find a pharmacy.

### **Pharmacy and Pricing Questions**

▼ Which pharmacies accept the card?

The prescription discount card is accepted at more than 68,000 retail pharmacies nationwide, including many of the leading chains. Ask your local pharmacy if they participate, search using the "Find a Pharmacy" link (on the right-hand side of this page) or call toll-free 1-877-321-2652 to find out if a specific pharmacy participates in the program.

▼ How much will I save?

While savings on each prescription may vary, you can save an average of 24 percent off of the pharmacy's regular retail prices for prescriptions. In addition, you may save more by choosing from our list of select medications. This list is comprised of products offering additional savings.

▼ Will I always receive the lowest price?

Yes, you will receive the best price available to you through this program at the pharmacy. On occasion, pharmacies will price a particular medication lower than the discount rate provided by the card. If that occurs, you will receive the lower price.

▼ Can I find out the discounted price of my prescriptions before going to the pharmacy?

Because prices can vary by location, only the actual pharmacy can tell you the exact price of the prescription. However, you can look up an estimated price for medications using the “Look Up Drug Prices” link [www.nacorx.org](http://www.nacorx.org) or call toll-free 1-877-321-2652.

▼ Why did the price of my prescription change since the last time I purchased the prescription?

Medication prices are different from pharmacy to pharmacy. Even chains have different prices in their stores depending on the population they are servicing. Additionally, manufacturers’ medication prices change periodically.

▼ The brochure says I can save an average of 24 percent on my prescription medication. Will I save 24 percent on all my medications?

Because a pharmacy’s retail price or usual and customary charge can differ greatly by pharmacy, your exact percentage of savings may vary depending on the prescription.

▼ Do I have to choose between my prescription discount card and a retail pharmacy flat rate generic pricing plan?

No, always present your prescription discount card at a participating pharmacy so you will receive the lowest price available from the pharmacy for that prescription medicine on that day. You will receive the flat rate price when applicable and the prescription discount card discounted price when it is lower.

▼ Should I still present my prescription discount card at a retail pharmacy when buying generic medicine listed on a flat rate generic pricing plan?

Yes, always present your prescription discount card when buying prescriptions not covered by a prescription drug benefit plan. For medicine on a generic pricing list, you will pay either the flat rate or the prescription discount card price, whichever is lower.

▼ If I show my prescription discount card, can I get an additional discount off a generic medicine listed on the flat rate pricing plan?

No, when presenting your prescription discount card, you will receive either the pharmacy’s regular price for the prescription medicine or the prescription discount card discounted price, whichever is lower. If the flat rate price for select generics is lower than the prescription discount card price, you will pay the flat rate. With the prescription discount card, you will receive the best price available for your prescription medicine on that day from that pharmacy.

▼ Can I use my card to get a three-month supply of my prescription(s)?

If you would like to obtain a three-month supply of your prescription(s), you have access to mail service through this program.

### **About Specialty Pharmacy**

▼ What is specialty pharmacy and what kinds of services do they offer?

Specialty pharmacy offers delivery of injectable and select oral specialty medication and supplies to the location of your choice. Services include delivery notification and refill reminder calls to help you stay on your treatment plan. You'll also receive expert care services including counseling, follow up care calls, informative disease-related materials, and access to health experts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

▼ What drugs are offered through specialty pharmacy?

Medications for a variety of chronic conditions including multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, infertility, immunologic disorders, Crohn's disease, Gaucher disease, pulmonary hypertension, Fabry disease, MPS 1, blood dyscrasia, growth hormone deficiency, respiratory syncytial virus, hepatitis C and more are available through specialty pharmacy.

NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program  
Prince George County, VA

	PRICE SAVINGS	TOTAL USERS
2016	\$503.13	22
2015	\$2,875.11	39
2014	\$2,567.64	61
2013	\$6,181.30	96
2012	\$5,664.96	121
2011	\$4,899.46	162
2010	\$5,597.47	194
2009	\$4,322.68	210
2008	\$5,735.71	229
2007	\$4,702.91	252
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TOTALS:	\$43,050.37	1,386.00