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## **Snohomish County Launches Prescription Drug Discount Card That Can Be Used by All Residents**

### ***Discount Cards Offering Average Savings Of 20 Percent Off Retail Price***

Snohomish County today launched a discount card program to help consumers 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 20 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 many of the county's pharmacies. A national network of more than 54,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount card.

"Snohomish County is proud to be one of 31 counties nationwide participating with NACo in this pilot program," said County Councilmember Dave Gossett. "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."

Cards will be available starting on Jun 22, 2005 at Snohomish County Human Services, Snohomish County Health District, United Way of Snohomish County, Sno-Isle Libraries, Everett Library, Alderwood Mall, Mountlake Terrace Senior Center, Edmonds Senior Center, Northshore Senior Center, Puget Sound Labor Agency and Bartell Drug Stores. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancerx.com> for assistance with the program.

"Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy," said Councilmember Gossett. "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."

Additional information may be found on the County's website: [Prescription Drug Discount Card web pages](#).

The program is administered by AdvancePCS, a division of Caremark Rx, Inc. of Nashville, Tenn.

*The National Association of Counties (NACo) is a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical and public affairs assistance to county governments. Created in 1935, NACo continues to ensure that the nation's 3,066 counties are heard and understood in the White House and Congress.*

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