

**CALHOUN COUNTY TO OFFER PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD
THAT CAN BE USED BY ALL RESIDENTS**

Discount Cards Will Offer Average Savings of 22 Percent Off Retail Price

[October 1, 2010] – Calhoun County today launched a discount card program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescriptions. The county is making free prescription 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, which are available October 1, 2010, may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at numerous pharmacies in the county. A national network of more than 60,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount care.

“Calhoun County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo,” said Calhoun County Commission Chairman Rudy Abbott. “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 may 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 Calhoun 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 are also available at the Calhoun County Commission Office, 1702 Noble Street, Anniston, Alabama, as well as various other county offices. 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 Abbott. “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 CVA Caremark.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org

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