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Wakulla County to Participate In Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

Crawfordville, Florida – At the March 11, 2008 Board of County Commissioners Meeting the Board approved Wakulla County’s participation in the National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Drug Card Program through Caremark Rx, Inc. (Caremark). Joining 38 other Florida counties that have already signed up for this program, Wakulla County citizens will now enjoy an average discount of 20% on prescription medications not covered by health insurance, when the card is presented at numerous participating pharmacies.

The Prescription Drug Card Program is open to all County residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. There is no enrollment form, membership fee, restrictions or limits on the frequency of use. “This program is going to be a great benefit to the citizens of Wakulla County”, added Commissioner Kessler. Primary beneficiaries in the County would be those residents who are underinsured and uninsured and whose insurance does not cover prescriptions. The local participating pharmacies include CVS, Wakulla Station, Walgreens and Winn Dixie.

Wakulla County has been a NACo member since 1976. Caremark is a pharmaceutical services company with experience in managing discount, drug card programs for sponsoring counties and negotiates with pharmacies to offer discounts on prescription drugs. “This is just another example of the ongoing progress the Board has made in identifying and approving new and cutting edge programs from around the country that we can benefit from here at home in Wakulla County,” said County Administrator Benjamin H. Pingree. “The Board’s diligence and foresight in bringing these ‘best practices’ to our hometown will generate thousands of dollars in cost savings to our citizens in the years ahead.”

The Board of County Commissioners staff is developing a distribution system and a marketing plan for the Card Program. Roll out of this program will occur in approximately 8-10 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator at (850) 926-0919.