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Prescription Drug Discount Card Now Available

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Residents Have Access to Easy-to-Use Prescription Drug Discount Card

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Arlington today launched a program to help provide residents with some relief from the high cost of prescription drugs. The Town is making free prescription drug discount cards available to Arlington residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The discount cards offer residents an average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The discount cards may be used by all residents of Arlington and has no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage. The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at all 5 pharmacies in the town, as well as at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

"In the current economic climate, where many people are watching what they spend, Arlington is happy to partner with the National League of Cities to make this prescription discount card available for our residents," said Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager. "Whether or not an individual has prescription coverage, this program can make it easier for our residents to afford the drugs they need to deal with a short-term illness or stay healthy by managing a chronic condition."

Cards are available at Town Hall offices, Robbins and Fox Libraries, the Senior Center and at all local Arlington pharmacies at no cost to town residents. Residents can call toll-free 1-888-620-1749 or visit www.arlingtonma.gov/prescriptioncard for additional information on the program or to download the card.

"Not only does the NLC prescription discount card help residents save money on their medications, it is easy to use," said Sullivan. "Arlington residents only have to show their card when purchasing medication at one of the many participating pharmacies. There is no enrollment form required to get a card, no membership fee of any kind and town residents and their family members can use the card anytime their prescriptions are not covered by insurance."

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

About The National League of Cities

The National League of Cities (NLC) is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. To learn more about NLC, go to www.nlc.org.