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**Arlington Ranks 11th in Cumulative Savings for Prescription Card Program
Over 5,100 Residents Utilized Free Prescription Discount Card, Save Over \$180,000**

Through its participation in the National League of Cities' (NLC) Prescription Discount Card program, Arlington has saved its residents \$181,570 on prescription drugs placing it in 11th place in cumulative savings out of 645 participating municipalities. Since the program launched in 2009, residents utilized the program 5,135 times with a 28% average in savings per transaction. The free 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. Pets that take prescriptions used to treat human conditions may also be eligible.

With the high cost of prescription drugs, this program makes it more affordable for residents to purchase drugs needed to help with short-term illnesses or chronic conditions. The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at six pharmacies around the Town, as well as at more than 60,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

Using the program is easy for residents. Cards are available at participating pharmacies include both Walgreens and CVS locations, Maida Pharmacy, and the pharmacy at Stop and Shop. There is no cost or enrollment process, just pick up the card and start using it at any participating pharmacy in Town or nationwide. Cards can also be printed online. Residents can visit arlingtonma.gov/prescriptioncards to download a card and learn more about the program. They can also call toll-free 1-888-620-1749 for assistance with the program.

The 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.

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**Top 20 Cities in Monthly Savings
for month of December 2013**

December 2013 Top 20						
City	Month	Total Rxs	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Price Savings	Total Utilizers
NC, MONROE	DECEMBER 2013	1,145	\$ 15,132.44	\$ 13.22	25.1%	31
MI, DETROIT	DECEMBER 2013	932	\$ 9,207.20	\$ 9.88	29.5%	69
TN, MEMPHIS	DECEMBER 2013	328	\$ 5,246.36	\$ 16.00	31.5%	147
MS, GRENADA	DECEMBER 2013	459	\$ 5,150.83	\$ 11.22	27.7%	200
WV, CLARKSBURG	DECEMBER 2013	250	\$ 5,109.79	\$ 20.44	36.5%	72
TN, ATHENS	DECEMBER 2013	319	\$ 4,475.12	\$ 14.03	32.6%	184
OH, LAKEWOOD	DECEMBER 2013	122	\$ 3,526.74	\$ 28.91	35.5%	40
NC, CHARLOTTE	DECEMBER 2013	246	\$ 3,217.12	\$ 13.08	29.1%	46
GA, SAVANNAH	DECEMBER 2013	257	\$ 3,165.46	\$ 12.32	37.2%	107
WI, MILWAUKEE	DECEMBER 2013	143	\$ 2,740.76	\$ 19.17	23.5%	71
MA, ARLINGTON	DECEMBER 2013	141	\$ 2,726.79	\$ 19.34	33.5%	70
OK, ARDMORE	DECEMBER 2013	121	\$ 2,493.21	\$ 20.61	26.3%	49
CO, WHEAT RIDGE	DECEMBER 2013	80	\$ 2,273.33	\$ 28.42	39.2%	22
WA, AUBURN	DECEMBER 2013	66	\$ 1,779.60	\$ 26.96	43.1%	33
TX, SAN MARCOS	DECEMBER 2013	76	\$ 1,729.84	\$ 22.76	32.6%	44
VA, ALEXANDRIA	DECEMBER 2013	30	\$ 1,662.35	\$ 55.41	55.1%	12
SC, COLUMBIA	DECEMBER 2013	71	\$ 1,466.02	\$ 20.65	25.5%	30
CA, WEST HOLLYWOOD	DECEMBER 2013	84	\$ 1,447.43	\$ 17.23	23.1%	32
ID, NAMPA	DECEMBER 2013	51	\$ 1,404.56	\$ 27.54	42.8%	22
TX, DEER PARK	DECEMBER 2013	86	\$ 1,390.27	\$ 16.17	29.4%	40



**Top 20 Cities in Total Savings
through month of December 2013**

Overall Top 20						
City	Total	Total Rxs	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Price Savings	Total Utilizers
MI, DETROIT	Total	63,571	\$ 663,896.29	\$ 10.44	31.0%	6,395
WV, CLARKSBURG	Total	40,952	\$ 631,922.44	\$ 15.43	34.5%	9,973
NC, MONROE	Total	46,184	\$ 628,536.12	\$ 13.61	27.3%	1,814
TN, ATHENS	Total	36,661	\$ 479,492.91	\$ 13.08	35.0%	23,919
OK, ARDMORE	Total	23,685	\$ 441,567.36	\$ 18.64	33.0%	9,764
GA, SAVANNAH	Total	31,166	\$ 345,078.83	\$ 11.07	30.5%	13,475
TN, MEMPHIS	Total	28,392	\$ 312,773.16	\$ 11.02	24.1%	13,625
NC, KERNERSVILLE	Total	17,156	\$ 244,115.28	\$ 14.23	30.8%	5,768
MS, GRENADA	Total	19,681	\$ 195,042.73	\$ 9.91	26.9%	9,130
CA, WEST HOLLYWOOD	Total	10,728	\$ 185,408.66	\$ 17.28	23.0%	3,978
MA, ARLINGTON	Total	10,511	\$ 181,570.39	\$ 17.27	28.4%	5,135
WI, MILWAUKEE	Total	13,686	\$ 169,573.67	\$ 12.39	24.1%	6,180
IL, EVANSTON	Total	10,798	\$ 154,838.82	\$ 14.34	20.4%	5,669
NC, CHARLOTTE	Total	13,647	\$ 142,652.36	\$ 10.45	25.8%	4,555
SC, CAMDEN	Total	9,367	\$ 139,439.81	\$ 14.89	35.2%	6,044
WA, AUBURN	Total	6,778	\$ 136,119.97	\$ 20.08	34.5%	3,367
FL, PALM BAY	Total	9,326	\$ 134,249.61	\$ 14.40	27.4%	5,427
TN, OAK RIDGE	Total	11,632	\$ 127,525.57	\$ 10.96	27.6%	1,853
TX, SAN MARCOS	Total	7,724	\$ 126,783.77	\$ 16.41	28.3%	4,133
TN, COLUMBIA	Total	6,956	\$ 121,576.13	\$ 17.48	34.3%	2,194



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MA, ARLINGTON	10,511	\$ 181,570.39	\$ 17.27	28.4%	5,135
MA, CAMBRIDGE	39	\$ 822.50	\$ 21.09	12.1%	28
MA, EVERETT	692	\$ 15,468.33	\$ 22.35	38.4%	303
MA, MEDFORD	171	\$ 1,270.21	\$ 7.43	25.7%	96