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**PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARDS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

**MERCED** – The Merced County Department of Health announced today that the Merced County prescription drug discount card is now available online through its partners the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Caremark. County residents can print an ID card directly from the Internet, for immediate use at any participating pharmacy. In order to obtain an ID card, residents should visit [www.caremark.com/naco](http://www.caremark.com/naco), which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Savings are available immediately at any participating pharmacy.

Enrollment is easy, convenient and secure.

1. Access [www.caremark.com/naco](http://www.caremark.com/naco) and select “Print a card” at the top of the front page
2. Utilize the map tool to select the relevant state and county
3. A simple form is completed
4. Select “Print Card” to generate a personal ID card
5. The ID card can be used immediately at any participating pharmacy

The County has free prescription drug discount cards available through the NACo program, which offers an average national 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 59,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount card. There is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Merced County to make these money saving cards available to our residents.

County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or locally at 209-381-1291 and visit [www.caremark.com/naco](http://www.caremark.com/naco) or [www.co.merced.ca.us/RxCard](http://www.co.merced.ca.us/RxCard) for assistance with the program. The discount card program is administered by Caremark Rx, Inc.

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