

NACo Drug Discount Program



Lincoln County has launched a discount card program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The County is making free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 20 percent *off* the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

Any county resident without prescription coverage can use this program. Even if you have insurance for prescription drugs, you may still benefit from the discount card, since it may save you money on prescription drugs your existing plan does not cover.

➤ **How it works**

- Simply present your card, provided to you thru a joint *effort* between Lincoln County and the National Association of Counties (NACo), at a retail participating pharmacy and save an average of 20% on your prescription drugs. No enrollment form, no membership fee, one card. This program will become effective July 21, 2008.
- Cards may be obtained from:
 - Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452 in the offices of the County Clerk, County Treasurer, and Register of Deeds, (715) 536-0310;
 - Social Services Building, 607 N. Sales Street, Merrill, WI 54452 in the offices of the Commission on Aging and Health Department;
 - T.B. Scott Free Library, 106 W. 1st Street, Merrill, WI, (715) 536-7191; and
 - Tomahawk Senior Center, 113 S. Tomahawk Ave, Tomahawk, WI (715) 453-5757.

➤ **No Limits**

You and your family may use your prescription discount card any time your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card.

➤ **Extra Savings**

As part of this program you will also be eligible for higher discounts on select medications, discounts on high-tech and injectable drugs, as well as, the mail service program which offers an average savings of 50% on a 3-month supply of select medications.

➤ **Learn More**

Visit <http://www.caremark.com/naco> to look up a participating pharmacy, a price estimate for your prescription, check drug interactions or read news articles from leading health journals.

For more information contact Lincoln County Administration Office at (715) 536-0310.

Frequently Asked Questions

√ **How much does the plan cost?**

Your prescription discount card is provided to you free of charge by Lincoln County.

√ **Does everyone in my family need an individual card?**

No. Everyone in the family may use the same card if desired.

√ **Can I use this card to get discounts on my pet's medications?**

Yes, if your pet has been prescribed a medication, you may receive a discount on the medication by taking the prescription to a participating retail pharmacy.

√ **I just received my card. Can I use it right away?**

Yes, just use your card to start saving immediately. Present your prescription discount card at a participating retail pharmacy when you fill or refill your prescriptions.

√ **Can I use my card to get discounts on over-the-counter products and non-prescription medications?**

Not usually. However, discounts are available for many diabetic supplies.

√ **How is this prescription discount program different from traditional prescription insurance?**

This plan is not insurance; it is a prescription discount program. The card provides immediate discounts at the pharmacy. Upon presenting your card to the pharmacist, you will pay the lower of a discounted price or the pharmacy's regular retail price. There are no claim forms to fill out and no limit to the number of times you can use the card. These discounts are available only at participating retail pharmacies.

√ **Can I use my prescription discount card with my current insurance benefit to reduce my costs?**

Your card cannot be used in conjunction with other insurance. However, you are able to use your card to purchase prescriptions that are not covered by these plans.

√ **How much will I save?**

While savings on each prescription may vary, you can save an average of 20 percent off of the pharmacy's regular retail prices for prescription drugs. In addition, you may save even more by choosing from our list of select medications. This list is comprised of products offering additional savings.

√ **Will I always receive the lowest price?**

Yes. You will receive the best price available to you through this program at the pharmacy. On occasion, pharmacies will price a particular medication lower than the discount rate provided by the card. If that occurs, you will receive the lower price.

√ **Can I find out the discounted price of my prescriptions before going to the pharmacy?**

Because prices can vary by location, only the actual pharmacy can tell you the exact price of the prescription. However, you can look up an estimated price for medications at <http://www.caremark.com/naco>, or call toll free 1-877-321-2652.

√ **Why did the price of my prescription change since the last time I purchased the prescription?**

Drug prices are different from pharmacy to pharmacy. Even chains have different prices in their stores depending on the population they are servicing. Additionally, manufacturers' drug prices change periodically.

√ **What is specialty pharmacy and what kinds of services do they offer?**

Specialty pharmacy offers delivery of injectable and select oral specialty medication and supplies to the location of your choice. Services include delivery notification and refill reminder calls to help you stay on your treatment plan. You'll also receive expert care services including counseling, follow up care calls, informative disease-related materials, and access to health experts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

√ **What drugs are offered through specialty pharmacy?**

Medications for a variety of chronic conditions including multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, infertility, immunologic disorders, Crohn's disease, Gaucher disease, pulmonary hypertension, Fabry disease, M PS 1, blood dyscrasia, growth hormone deficiency, respiratory syncytial virus, hepatitis C and more are available through specialty pharmacy.

√ **What is Mail Service?**

With the Caremark Mail Service program, you can purchase up to a 90-day supply of select medications from the mail service pharmacy for a fixed price. It's easy to get started with mail service-just send in the mail service order form along with your original prescription, to Care mark. For a list of medications available through and to receive an order form please call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <http://www.caremark.com/naco>.