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Georgetown County Launches Prescription Drug Discount Card That Can Be Used by All Residents *Discount Cards Offering Average Savings Of 20 Percent Off Retail Price*

November 18, 2005 — On Monday November 21, 2005 Georgetown County will launch 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. The first cards will be distributed Monday the 21st at 11:00 am at the Georgetown County Senior Citizens Center located at 2101 Lincoln Road in Georgetown.

The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at 18 of the area pharmacies. A national network of more than 57,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount card. "Georgetown County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo." said Sel Hemingway, County Council Chairman. "The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage can use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan. Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program."

Cards will be available beginning Monday at the Georgetown County Treasurer's Office, Georgetown County Auditor's Office (1st floor of Courthouse), Georgetown County Finance Department, County Council and County Administrator's Offices (2nd floor of County Courthouse) Georgetown County Bureau of Aging Services Office, Georgetown County Senior Centers (Andrews – Main Street, St. Luke – Rose Hill Community, Pawleys Island – 291 Parkersville Road, Georgetown – 2101 Lincoln, Plantersville – Exodus Road and North Santee – Mt. Zion Road), Choppee Regional Resource Center, and all three locations of the Georgetown County Library.

County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancex.com> for assistance with the program. "Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy," said Sel Hemingway. "Simply present it at a participating pharmacy. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance." The program is administered by Caremark.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical and public affairs assistance to county governments. Created in 1935, NACo continues to ensure that the nation's 3,066 counties are heard and understood in the White House and Congress.

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