

Clear Creek County Public and Environmental Health

HEALTH RESOURCES ANNOUNCEMENT

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COUNTY PROVIDES *FREE* DISCOUNT DRUG CARD - Good for pets too -

Clear Creek County Public and Environmental Health today announced distribution of a free Prescription Discount Card. Discount cards are available to anyone residing in the county with no age, income or health restrictions and no personal information taken. The free cards provide at-the-register savings for consumers who have no prescription drug insurance or need certain medications that are not covered by their insurance. All commonly prescribed prescription medications, including pet medications, are eligible for a discount of about 20 – 23% of regular retail price a consumer would otherwise pay at the pharmacy.

There is no cost to the county, county taxpayers or consumers to participate in the program. CVS Caremark, the largest provider of prescriptions in the nation, negotiates the discounts directly with the pharmacies and drug manufactures and provides the discount cards to the National Association of Counties, of which Clear Creek is a member.

“Best of all,” says Aaron Kissler, director of Public Health, “there are no application forms to fill out or income requirements for qualifying and the entire family is covered with just one card.” The card cannot be used in conjunction with other prescription drug insurance on any one purchase, but it can be used to purchase prescriptions not covered by health insurance. Prescription claims through the program will not be eligible for pharmacy reimbursement through Medicaid, Medicare or any other government program.

Nine out of 10 pharmacies nationwide accept the card. In the coming weeks, the Public Health Department is making an effort to distribute the cards to as many local sites as possible. In addition to local pharmacies (Safeway, King Soopers, Walmart) cards can be picked up at the following locations: local libraries, the County Court House; in Idaho Springs at the Community Resource Center, Meadows Family Medical Clinic, the Recreation Center, Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, Project Support Senior Center in the Health and Human Services offices in the Court House and at the County Annex. By April the cards will be in the hands of veterinarians, animal shelters and retail pet stores in the county.

For more information, call the Public Health Director at (303) 567-3148 and for information about participating pharmacies and price estimates for prescriptions, call toll-free to 1-877-321-2652 or log on to www.caremark.com/naco.

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