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Prescription Discount Card Distribution

MEDIA ADVISORY

PROPERTY VALUATION NOTICES TO INCLUDE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARDS FOR FAMILIES AND PETS

Maricopa County residents will receive a little something extra with their property valuation notices this year. Prescription discount cards will be enclosed in the mailings to be sent beginning mid February.

The discount card is free and easy to use. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, or income, and are accepted at over 90% of pharmacies in Maricopa County.

“Although the card does not provide discounts on prescriptions covered by insurance, it can provide substantial savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county,” said Maricopa County Supervisor’s chairman Andy Kunasek, “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. The discount card can also result in significant cost savings for certain pet medications,” he said. “Many pharmacies will fill prescriptions from a veterinarian if the pet medication has a human equivalent.”

Sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo), the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors launched the discount card program, in April 2006 to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. “This program is less than one year old and already Maricopa County residents have saved nearly \$1 million on prescriptions,” said Supervisor Don Stapley, County Board Member and First Vice President of NACo.

County resident Mercy Ortega is an example of someone who benefited from the program and sings its praises. “I have always had insurance coverage,” Ortega

said, “but last year I changed jobs and my new employers had a 30 day waiting period for insurance. Maricopa County’s Discount Prescription Drug Program saved me considerable money on prescriptions during that period.”

Maricopa County Assessor Keith Russell said he is happy to include a prescription discount card in the Property Valuation Notices that will be sent to all real estate owners within Maricopa County.

The discount card program is administered nationally by CVS Caremark.

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