## Yavapai County Community Health Services



Our Mission: "Yavapai County Community Health Services will provide leadership, information, and services that contribute to improving the health and well-being of Yavapai County residents."



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## Yavapai County Prescription Program Saves Citizens over \$1 Million

## *County Residents Take Advantage of Free Discount Cards To Save Money on Prescriptions*

Since the introduction of the Yavapai County's free prescription discount program in 2007, county residents filled close to 70,000 prescriptions with the cards at discounts averaging 22 percent or \$10.92 per prescription, Robert Resendes, Director of Yavapai County Community Health Services (YCCHS), announced today. Earlier this month, the cumulative savings to County Residents broke the \$1,000,000 milestone mark.

Under the direction of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors and Board of Health, YCCHS launched the program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescriptions. The county is making the free prescription discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers substantial savings off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

"Best of all, there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Yavapai County to make these money saving cards available to our residents. The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, health, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at 20 county pharmacies, including Fry's, Safeway, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, K-Mart, Costco, Sam's Club and other independent pharmacies", reports Terri Farneti, Program Coordinator. A national network of more than 60,000 participating retail pharmacies also honors the Yavapai County Prescription Discount Card.

Residents can print an ID card and find the participating pharmacies located nearby from the Yavapai County Community Health Services website <u>www.YavapaiHealth.com</u>. Cards are also available at libraries and participating pharmacies. For further information about the Yavapai County Discount Prescription Card program, contact Terri Farneti at (928) 442-5596.

"Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy," said Farneti. "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 cards can even be used for pet prescriptions."

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