

Town of Cornwall signs up for new, free Prescription Drug Discount Program offered by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities for residents of its member towns and cities

As a member of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), Connecticut's nonpartisan, state-wide organization of towns and cities, the Town of Cornwall now offers its residents a new way to save money on prescription medications and certain medical services. Cornwall participates in this program as an added benefit of its membership with CCM, at no additional cost to the town or its residents. This card can be used by any Cornwall resident at Cornwall's local pharmacies and a number of national pharmacy chains, to obtain steep discounts and savings on prescription medications, whether they are currently insured, uninsured, or underinsured.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, the rate of uninsured residents in Connecticut has dropped to 4.9 percent, down from 9.4 percent uninsured in 2013. Connecticut has not been immune to the economic turmoil of the last several years, and with the healthcare law's future in perpetual jeopardy, this program can help your residents continue to afford their life-saving medications whether they are covered by an insurance plan with inadequate prescription coverage, or if their medications are not covered by their insurance plans.

The "Town of Cornwall Prescription Drug Discount Card" helps residents save money on their medications any time their prescription is not covered by insurance. This prescription discount card will provide immediate fiscal relief at the pharmacy counter for residents and offers the following features and benefits:

- Anyone can participate, regardless of age or income;
- All prescription medications are covered, including any pet prescriptions for human-based medications that can be filled at a regular retail pharmacy;
- There is no cost to the municipality or to participating residents;
- Generic prescriptions offer the highest savings, but name brand medications are eligible for discounts as well;
- There are more than 65,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, including CVS, Rite-Aid,

- Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Stop and Shop, and Big Y, and many local pharmacies;
- Discounts are also offered on other medical services including vision, hearing and LASIK services.

“CCM is pleased to offer this valuable community service to the Town of Cornwall,” says CCM’s Shari Fiveash. “This program will help residents save hundreds of thousands of dollars on their medications, and certain vision and hearing services, with discounts on eye exams, LASIK procedures, frames and lenses, and hearing aids.”

Each residence in Cornwall will receive a “Town of Cornwall Prescription Drug Discount Card” by direct mail which they may use at any participating retail pharmacy. Cards may be used by all town residents regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. There are no enrollment forms, membership fees, restrictions or limits on frequency of use for residents. Cardholders and their family members are encouraged to use the cards any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

Cards can also be printed by visiting www.CTRxDiscountCard.com after the cards have mailed and by selecting Town of Cornwall from the drop-down menu. The website also contains a “Learn the Perks of the Card” section where residents can locate a participating pharmacy, comparison shop their medication, and find the information on the discounts that are also available on vision, hearing and LASIK services.

Cards may also be picked up at the Selectmen’s office. Questions? Call 860-672-4959

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