



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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### **Hamden Residents Save Over \$95k in Drug Costs Through the CCM Prescription Drug Discount program**

**Hamden** – Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is very pleased to announce that Hamden, through its association with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), the statewide association of towns and cities, has *saved residents over \$95,000.00 in prescription costs since joining CCM's Prescription Drug Discount Program* in August 2013 when Hamden's participation began. This represents a 50% percent savings over what Hamden residents would have paid for the 2,069 prescriptions filled thus far.

“I am ecstatic to report the overwhelming savings that Hamden residents have achieved through membership in CCM'S Prescription Drug Discount Program. Since Hamden enrolled in the program in 2013 over 1,300 Hamden residents have signed up, with each residents saving approximately \$46.00 each time a prescription is filled. Hamden takes great pride in being able to help our residents through cooperation with CCM, and I encourage residents who could genuinely use assistance to enroll by following the directions below.”

Since CCM began offering the “CCM Prescription Drug Discount Card” in September 2012, 125 towns and cities throughout Connecticut have signed up for the program. During that time, residents in the participating communities have filled over **146,000** prescriptions and saved almost **\$8,000,000** with an average prescription savings of **52%**. The program is free to any CCM-member municipality, providing savings on any prescriptions not covered by insurance. There are no costs to either the participating municipalities or their residents.

“Even if you have prescription insurance, this card can help residents save when their current insurance card doesn't cover a medication, or if their pet needs medication that is human-based,” said Shari Fiveash, CCM Director of Member Services. “Plus, there are vision and hearing services available as well that have discounted exams, frames, lenses, and hearing aid devices.”

Cards can be used by all 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. Residents can print out a card easily by visiting [www.CTRxDiscountCard.com](http://www.CTRxDiscountCard.com), and selecting Hamden from the drop-down menu. Hamden Government Center, located at 2750 Dixwell Avenue, also has cards available. The discount cards are widely accepted at all national chain pharmacies and most local independent pharmacies. All participating pharmacies in Hamden have been given a supply of these cards as well.

Discount cards may also be used to save on human-based medications prescribed for family pets. If the prescription can be filled at participating retail pharmacies, you will receive a discount. Discounts are also offered on other medical services including vision, Lasik and hearing services. Visit [www.CTRxDiscountCard.com](http://www.CTRxDiscountCard.com) for more details, including a pharmacy look-up and drug price comparison tool.

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