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

The Town of Hamden, through its association with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), the statewide association of towns and cities, is now providing a new prescription discount card that will provide uninsured and underinsured residents steep savings on prescription medicines.

Hamden is a member of CCM and this new program is only available to CCM member-communities.

In Connecticut, over 11 percent of Connecticut residents – nearly 360,000 people – currently lack health insurance and prescription plans and another 800,000 residents are underinsured. There are over 50 million uninsured individuals living in the United States.

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

- Anyone can participate regardless of age or income;
- All prescription medications are covered including pet prescriptions that can be filled at a pharmacy;
- There is no cost to the municipality or to participating residents;
- Cost savings average 45% ;
- There are over 63,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, including CVS, Rite-Aid, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Stop and Shop, and Big Y, and many independent pharmacies;
- Discounts are also offered on other medical services including vision, hearing and Lasik services.

Scott Jackson, Mayor of Hamden, said, “This is a great solution to a pressing issue that will positively impact residents in need across Hamden.”

“CCM is pleased to offer this valuable community service to Hamden,” said CCM Executive Director and CEO Jim Finley. “Many families are struggling and even some families with health insurance may not have all their prescriptions covered. This program will help them save money on any medicines not covered by their insurance.”

Each residence in Hamden will receive a “Town of Hamden Prescription 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 will also be printed by visiting www.CTRxDiscountCard.com, and selecting Hamden from the drop-down menu.