

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY and CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 5, 2012

To: Judge Dan Gattis, Sr., Comm. Lisa Birkman, Comm. Ron Morrison, Comm. Valerie Covey, Comm. Cynthia Long

From: Bride Roberts, WCCHD

Subject: National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Discount Card Program

Issue:

Williamson County has participated in the free medication discount card program made available through NACo since July, 2008. This program provides to consumers an average discount of 24% on medications not available through insurance programs, and may be made available to any county resident, without regard to income. There is no cost to participating counties. The contracted pharmacy benefits manager recoups costs through manufacturer rebate programs.

The NACo Board of Directors has approved a proposal which will allow counties to receive revenue through the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program. Counties that choose the revenue option would receive \$1 per prescription when the card is used—paid quarterly. Counties which do not elect to receive revenue can continue with the existing arrangement. Residents in counties that do not receive revenue would receive a slightly greater average discount when purchasing a prescription.

Based on the history of program utilization, projected revenues to the county may be estimated at \$45,000 per year. The revenue to the county would come from the transaction fee paid to the pharmacy benefits manager, Caremark.

In 2011, 47,719 prescriptions were purchased in Williamson County through this program. On average, 1730 county residents per month used the program.

Proposal:

- Williamson County Commissioners will elect to receive revenue through the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program, approving an amendment to the existing NACo Prescription Discount Card Program agreement.
- Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD), at the will of the commissioners, will continue to act as the county's agent to administer the program, receive the bulk delivery of cards, and manage distribution.
- Program revenue will be paid to WCCHD as reimbursement for locally administering the program.

WCCHD provides NACo Prescription Discount Cards to county residents as one strategy to acquire necessary medications more cost effectively.

Residents enrolled in the County Indigent Health Care Program, known as WilCo Care, may use this resource to supplement the 3 medications per month supplied through that program.