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***CITY OF WILKES-BARRE TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH EASY,
COST-SAVING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM***

Discount card can offer average savings of 20 percent off retail price

WILKES-BARRE - The City of Wilkes-Barre announces that it will soon provide a program making free prescription drug discount cards available to city residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The discount cards offer average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The discount card program was brought to the attention of city administration by Councilperson Bill Barrett and will be offered to city residents through the cooperation of Wilkes-Barre City Council. Wilkes-Barre City Council will vote to adopt a resolution in support of this program at the regular session on Thursday, May 7, 2009.

The cards, which will be available in approximately 4 weeks, may be used by all Wilkes-Barre City residents and have no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage. The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at approximately ten pharmacies around the city, as well as at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

“In the current economic climate, where many people are watching what they spend, the NLC prescription discount card will offer significant savings on the purchase of prescription medications for our residents,” said Mayor Thomas M. Leighton. “Whether or not an individual has prescription coverage, this program can make it easier for our residents to afford the drugs they need to deal with a short-term illness or stay healthy by managing a chronic condition.”

The City of Wilkes-Barre and NLC will make these money-saving cards available to city residents at no cost to the individual. The program is administered by CVS Caremark. A future announcement will provide information on how and when residents may obtain the cards.

“Not only does the NLC prescription discount card program help residents save money on their medications, but it also does so in a convenient manner,” said Leighton. “Wilkes-Barre residents only have to show their card when purchasing medication at one of the many participating pharmacies. There is no enrollment form required to get a card, no membership fee of any kind and city residents and their family members can use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.”

About The National League of Cities

The National League of Cities (NLC) is the nation’s oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. To learn more about NLC, go to www.nlc.org.

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