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City of Plano Launches Citywide Resident Prescription Savings Program ***In the current economic climate, the prescription discount card can provide an average savings of 20 percent off retail price***

The City of Plano is rolling out a program to its residents to help relieve the high cost of prescription drugs. Plano is the first large city in the southern region of the United States to implement this program citywide. The city is making free prescription drug discount cards available to 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 cards may be used by all Plano residents with no restrictions based on the age, income level or existing health coverage. The NLC card can be used at approximately 40 pharmacies around the city, as well as at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the nation. A list of those retailers can be found at www.caremark.com/nlc or by calling too-free 1 (888) 620-1749. Some of the retailers accepting the card are Costco, CVS, Sam's Club, Target, Walgreen and Wal-mart, as well as several pharmacies within grocery stores and specialized pharmacies.

For resident convenience, cards are available at city-operated libraries and recreation centers, as well as Plano Municipal Center (city hall). Residents can stay apprised of the program by visiting the City Web site, www.plano.gov.

"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 Plano Director of Health Brian Collins. "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.”

“Not only does the NLC prescription discount card help residents save money on their medications, it is easy to use,” said Collins. “Plano 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.”

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

About The National League of Cities

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