

City helps with prescriptions

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Kokomo residents who have trouble finding money in their budget for their prescription medication will be relieved to hear that the city has found a solution that can help. Residents of Kokomo and the surrounding area now have access to a free discount prescription drug card.

The Kokomo Rx Card -- and offshoot of the popular Indiana Drug Card -- is now available. In conjunction with the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, the



city is providing the free drug card, which can result in savings up to 75 percent on prescription drugs, and is accepted at over 60,000 pharmacies across the country.

The Kokomo Rx Card and Indiana Drug Card have named including CVS Pharmacy as their preferred pharmacy, but card holders may use any of the participating service providers. And anyone can use the card. There are no restrictions to membership for the Kokomo Rx Card, no income requirements, no age limitations, and no applications to fill out.

The Kokomo Rx Card was launched to help uninsured and underinsured residents afford their prescription medications. But the card can be used by anyone, including residents who have health insurance coverage with no prescription benefits, which is common in many health savings accounts (HSA) and high deductible health plans.

Additionally, people who have prescription coverage can use this program for non-formulary or non-covered drugs.

The Kokomo Rx Card can be obtained by visiting www.cityofkokomo.org and clicking on the Kokomo Rx Card link. People who are unable to access the internet may obtain a card by visiting the following places:

City Hall at the Welcome Center in main lobby

City Line Trolley Dispatch Center

Kokomo Senior Citizens Center

Gilead House

The Center Township Trustee's office

The Kokomo Rx Card and the Indiana Drug Card are funded through the participation of pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies. The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT), is working with the program to create awareness.

"We encourage all residents to take advantage of the opportunity to help offset the rising costs of prescription drugs purchased in Indiana," said IACT Executive Director Matthew C. Greller. "The Indiana Drug Card is open to all residents and everyone should be able to benefit from this program at some point."