

Please note: With the Van Buren County Senior Prescription Discount Card Program, you are entitled to receive the lowest price available. At times, when a pharmacy buys commonly used drugs in very large quantities, they may sell those drugs at prices that may be below our Plan discount price. In any case you have the right to pay the lowest price possible for each medication.

Please note: If you have Medigap insurance that covers the cost of prescriptions but you exceed your insurance premium benefit, the Van Buren Senior Prescription Discount Card can ease your out-of-pocket cost beyond what is offered under your insurance plan. You may not, however, use the Discount card to get reductions on insurance co-payments. The Discount card is **not** an insurance program. You will still pay the pharmacy for the prescription.

More Questions? Please call: Jennifer Fitzpatrick with Van Buren County at (616) 657-8253.

For office use only

Date App Rec'd _____ Payment
Initials: _____ Check# _____
 ___ Cash
 ___ Other

Date App. Sent to MAC: _____
Date Discount Card Mailed to
Cust: _____
Date Customer Info entered: _____

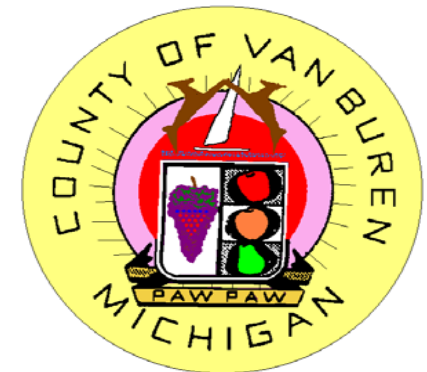
Commonly Asked Questions about Program:

- Q.** What does the Plan Cost?
A. There is an annual fee of \$15.00.
- Q.** Who is eligible for the Program?
A. Any resident of Van Buren County who has reached age 60 by date of application.
- Q.** Does this Plan pay for my prescription drugs?
A. No. The Plan provides a way for you to receive discounted prescriptions you need.
- Q.** What do I receive as a Plan Participant?
A. After enrolling, we will send you a Prescription Discount Card, a Pharmacy Directory, mail order pharmacy information and a toll-free number you can call for all your questions. Show the card at any participating pharmacy to receive your discount.
- Q.** Can I use this Card to get additional discounts off pricing offered under other pharmaceutical discount cards?
A. No. If you already have a discount card from another company or local pharmacy, you can ask the participating pharmacy which program offers the best discount for each drug. However, you may not use more than one discount card on the same prescription drug.



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The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners has approved a Senior Prescription Discount Card Program which will assist Van Buren County residents over age 60 to obtain discounts on the purchase price for prescription drugs at participating pharmacies.

This program has the endorsement of the Michigan Association of Counties, and approximately 20 counties in Michigan are participating in the plan.

Criteria for the Van Buren County Program:

- You must be a resident of Van Buren County and have reached the age of 60 by the date of application.
- There is a \$15.00 annual fee to obtain the Discount Card.
- There is **no** income test /means test to apply for the Discount Card.
- The \$15.00 annual fee will be waived if an age-eligible resident can provide a copy of a recent tax statement that confirms annual income below the published poverty level.*
- The Van Buren County Senior Prescription Discount Card is intended to assist Seniors without any prescription drug insurance.

*Published poverty levels are
\$8,860/year—single person
\$11,940/year-married couple



Other counties who have participated in the program have observed that card-holders have saved from 5% to 30% in out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs.

Cost comparisons completed in Van Buren County in 2001 identified that seniors who take a name brand medication, for which there is no equivalent generic brand, could save the most.

If a senior was already taking a generic medication, the savings were minimal.

Since many seniors take a mix of name brand and generic medications, the savings for each individual will vary and cannot be predicted.

The Van Buren Prescription Discount Card is good for a period of one year from the time the senior is enrolled.

In addition to Van Buren County participating pharmacies, information on the out of state pharmacies can be obtained through a toll-free number which will be provided to you with your card.

Discount Card Enrollment Form

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Date of Birth Social Security Number

Street Address, Apartment #

City State Zip Code

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Area Code Home Phone County

Do you currently have insurance for prescription drug coverage?

____ Yes, If yes, which company _____

____ No

By signing this enrollment form, I hereby consent to Van Buren County releasing the above information for the purpose of Plan administration under the National Prescription Health Plan, offered in corporation with Benefit Control Methods and the Michigan Association of Counties.

X _____
Signature

Date

Make \$15.00 check payable to:
Van Buren County
219 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 201
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids/services by providing 10 days notice to the County of Van Buren before the scheduled event. Request should be directed to Jennifer Fitzpatrick at (616) 657-8253.