

County gets drug discount cards for uninsured

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LITTLE VALLEY—The Cattaraugus County Department of Aging has received its allotment of free prescription discount cards for uninsured residents, the Cattaraugus County Legislature was told Wednesday.

Department of Aging director Cherianne Wold announced that a kickoff promotion will begin Tuesday.

“The cards are in, displays are ready, PR is going out, and posters are here. We’re expecting to have this in place so everyone is eligible who has no insurance coverage,” Wold said. She added that the cards also are good for pet medications.

The card is ready for unlimited use by an entire family, with no membership fee, enrollment forms or pre-existing conditions to report, she said. She noted that the cards, which provide discounts as high as 28 percent, can be used at small-town pharmacies and will be helpful to Medicare patients.

She also told the lawmakers that there is no cost to the county government or taxpayers. The program is sponsored by the National Association of Counties and pharmaceutical companies.

Bill Sprague, R-Yorkshire, said he fought to get the county involved in the program and is glad it is under way.

“If it helps one person get medicine for nothing, it is a great benefit,” Sprague said.