



Buchanan County - Board of Supervisors

For immediate release

Prescription Discount Program Saves Residents Nearly \$48,000

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors is pleased to release the 1-year results of the prescription discount program which they sponsored at no cost to the County budget or the residents utilizing it. Nearly \$48,000 was saved on over 2,000 prescriptions over the course of the year. The program saved residents an average of 37% or nearly \$24 per prescription. The program began in August 2008 and has had a significant impact on reducing the burden of rising prescription costs for residents needing assistance. Residents who do not have prescription insurance coverage or those who have coverage through an employer or Medicare Part D program but do not have coverage on specific drugs have been greatly assisted. Residents have been encouraged to use their local pharmacies within the County, all of which currently participate in the program.

The program is made possible through discounts at participating pharmacies given at the point of purchase and is managed by MedOne Healthcare Systems of Dubuque, Iowa. MedOne is a division of the Hartig Drug Company and specializes in customized prescription benefit management and prescription discount programs.

All Buchanan County residents may use the program. There are no enrollment fees, age restrictions, or forms to fill out. Residents may obtain a pre-activated card at the Community Services Office at the Buchanan County Courthouse or may request one by calling MedOne toll free at 888-884-MED1 (6331) or by e-mailing Aaron Viertel, Sales Director at aviertel@medonehs.com.