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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 06-043

RELATING TO THE COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT  
CARD PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT PROGRAM,  
REPEALING SECTION 4 OF AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 04-121,  
AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 7.10 SCC

WHEREAS, the spiraling cost of prescription drugs has placed substantial and increasing financial burdens on individuals and families who reside or work in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, by Amended Ordinance No. 04-121 on January 19, 2005, the County Council authorized the County Executive to establish a county prescription drug discount card pilot program to provide a voluntary means of reducing prescription drug costs incurred by persons who reside or work in Snohomish County subject to Council approval of necessary contracts; and

WHEREAS, by Motion No. 05-080 on March 2, 2005, the County Council approved a contract providing for County participation in a prescription drug discount card pilot program developed by the National Association of Counties (hereinafter "NACo") and AdvancePCS Health, L.P., a Delaware limited liability partnership, which program has since been expanded to other counties; and

WHEREAS, since County participation in the NACo program began in 2005 more than 26,000 persons have used prescription drug discount cards provided by the program to purchase prescription drugs, which has generated an aggregate savings of more than \$843,000; and

WHEREAS, the prescription drug discount card pilot program has demonstrated that a county prescription drug discount card program offers significant benefits and should be authorized on a permanent basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. A new chapter is added to Title 7 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

**Chapter 7.10**

**County Prescription Drug Discount Card Program**

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RELATING TO THE COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
DISCOUNT CARD PILOT PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING  
A PERMANENT PROGRAM, REPEALING SECTION 4  
OF AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 04-121, ETC. -- 1

Sections

- 7.10.010 Program authorized.
- 7.10.020 Administration.
- 7.10.030 Approval of contracts.
- 7.10.040 Sunset clause.

**7.10.010 Program authorized.**

There is hereby authorized a county prescription drug discount card program. The program shall provide a voluntary means of reducing prescription drug costs incurred by persons who reside or work in the county.

**7.10.020 Administration.**

The program shall be administered by an independent contractor and one or more executive agencies appointed by the county executive. Contracts providing for administration of the program shall be awarded on a competitive basis.

**7.10.030 Approval of contracts.**

All contracts providing for administration of the county prescription drug discount card program and amendments to such contracts must be approved by the county council.

**7.10.040 Sunset clause.**

This chapter is repealed on the date six years following enactment unless re-enacted prior to that date.

Section 2. **Savings and transition.** The county prescription drug discount card program established under Amended Ordinance No. 04-121 and Motion No. 05-080 is hereby authorized under Section 1 of this ordinance, subject to future county action under Chapter 7.10 SCC. Amended Ordinance No. 04-121 shall expire upon termination of that program.

Section 3. Repeal. Section 4 of Amended Ordinance No. 04-121, adopted on January 19, 2005, is repealed.

PASSED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2006.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

Vice Paul Harvett  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Darlene Sitorst  
Clerk of the Council, *Asst.*

- APPROVED
- EMERGENCY
- VETOED

DATE: 6/27/06

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County Executive

ATTEST:

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**MARK SOINE**  
Deputy Executive

Approved as to form only:

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney