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	Agenda Item No. 74 Roll Call No. <u>09-</u> Communication No. <u>09-582</u> Submitted by: Randy Wetmore, Assistant City Manager	

AGENDA HEADING:

Request by Councilman Vlassis to initiate the National League of Cities Prescription Discount Card Program and authorize the City Manager to take steps to implement the program.

SYNOPSIS:

The Prescription Discount Card Program provides an average savings of 20% off the retail price of prescription medication. There is no cost to the city. It is recommended that the City Manager be authorized to take the necessary actions to implement the program.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City will work with the National League of Cities (NLC) and CVS Caremark to launch the card program. It will take approximately eight weeks to have the program ready to go to the public. According to the information provided, 9 out of 10 pharmacies participate in the program. There are no enrollment fees, membership fees and no limit on the number of times the card can be used. There are no age limits, no income requirements and all family members are covered. There are over 325 communities that have or will be implementing the program in 37 states.

This is not an insurance program. It is a discount card program. A person can use the card anytime their prescription is not covered by insurance. It is estimated that approximately 90 pharmacies in and around the metro area will accept the card. It can also be used across the country at more than 59,000 retail pharmacies. The program is a service provided by NLC to its members. Should the city at some time in the future decide to no longer participate, it has the right to stop the program.

The city will need to distribute the cards in various locations around the community as part of its responsibility to enable people to pick up cards for the program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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