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Wisconsin starts new discount drug plan

As of April 1, Wisconsin residents have access to the BadgerRx Gold program, a drug discount program similar to the one available to state employees. This program, sponsored by Navitus Health Solutions, is aimed at people of all ages who do not have prescription drug coverage. It will offer them a discount card to help reduce the cost of their prescription drugs.

People utilizing the program will be able to go to any participating pharmacy and present their card for a discount when filling their prescriptions. The estimated cost reduction with the BadgerRx Gold card will be the pharmacy's wholesale price minus 12%. However, not all drugs will be available at a discounted price. BadgerRx Gold will publish a list of prescription drugs that are eligible for a discount under the program. The list of drugs is on the BadgerGold website.

There is an annual enrollment fee of \$25 for an individual and \$75 for a family of four or more. Although the program is aimed at people who do not have prescription drug insurance coverage, people with coverage under other programs can enroll in the BadgerRx Gold program. People who have a BadgerRx Gold card and other insurance can ask their pharmacist which program offers the best discount for each of their medications. There are two ways to apply for BadgerRx Gold. You can apply online at www.badgerrxgold.com or by telephone, 1 (866) 809-9382.

Florence County senior citizens who have questions about the BadgerRx Gold program or any other program that helps pay for prescription medications may contact their county benefit specialist, Rich Kallmann. He may be reached at his office, which is located at the Florence County Courthouse. To reach him by telephone call (715) 528-4890 or (888) 528-4890 (toll-free).