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BadgerRx Gold, designed to help the uninsured and underinsured gain access to affordable prescription drugs, is now in effect.

According to State Rep. Terry Musser (R-Melrose), the program offers lower costs on many specifically selected medications by more than 700 participating pharmacies.

BadgerRx Gold is for those do not have health insurance, have health insurance but do not have a prescription drug benefit, are in a plan with high copayment, or are in a plan that does not cover the needed medicines.

There is no age requirement and no screening for pre-existing health conditions.

Musser explained that BadgerRx Gold is not a drug discount card, but rather participating pharmacies provide discounts and drug manufacturers offer rebates on a lower cost medication.

BadgerRx Gold passes the combined savings on to members when purchased.

The lower cost medications are monitored for safety and effectiveness by a team of Wisconsin physicians and pharmacists and have been found to be just as safe and effective as the more expensive drugs.

Musser said BadgerRx Gold is based on the prescription drug plan for state employees that saved the state \$25 million in the first year. Navitus Health Solutions, LLC., specializes in pharmacy benefit administrative services.

Citizens can learn more about them at "<http://www.navitus.com>" <www.navitus.com>.

Enrolling in the program is simple. Citizens can go online at "<http://www.badgerrxgold.com>" <www.badgerrxgold.com> or call the program's toll-free number 866-809-9382.

The annual fee for the card is \$25 per person or \$75 for a family of four or more. Residents save \$5 if they enroll online.

BadgerRx Gold will give more Wisconsin residents access to affordable prescriptions and it is a convenient program to use.

Members just present their BadgerRx Gold ID card at any one of the many participating pharmacies in the 92nd Assembly District or anywhere in the state.

Representative Musser welcomes your views on this or any state issue and may be contacted at State Capitol - Room 11 West, Madison WI 53702, 1-888-534-0092, or rep.musser@legis.state.wi.us.