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Wisconsinites now have access to prescription benefits

NEILLSVILLE-- On April 1, 2005, Wisconsin citizens first had access to the prescription drug benefits previously only available to state employees. This program, administered by Navitus Health Solutions, is aimed at those without prescription drug coverage and will offer them a discount card to reduce the cost of their prescription drugs. By using the group purchasing and the state's ability to negotiate discounts/rebates, people under the BadgerRx Gold Program will be able to get included drugs at the average pharmacy wholesale price minus 12 percent.

After getting the discount, people under the program will be able to go to any participating pharmacy (listed on the Navitus Web site: www.navitushealth.com) and present their card for a discount when filling their prescriptions. Not all drugs are available for discount, only those that are included in the formulary for the BadgerRx Gold Program. The list of the formulary will be available on the BadgerRx Gold Web

site (www.badgerxgold.com). The list of included drugs is supposed to include therapeutic drugs for all major diseases, including those that disproportionately effect seniors.

Enrollment is available and will include an enrollment fee. The annual fee for the program will be \$25 for

an individual and \$75 for a family of four or more. This fee will go toward the administrative cost of enrollment and processing. Although the program is aimed at those without any drug coverage, people with coverage under other programs can still get the card and can use the one that offers the

greater discount. The application process offers two methods to apply for the program. One is to apply on-line at: www.badgerxgold.com and the other is to apply by phone by calling: 1-866-809-9382.