



## **Free Drug Discount Card Offered by NYS New York State Working with Pharmacies and Manufacturers to Lower Drug Costs**

New York State recently introduced the **New York Prescription Saver (NYPS)**, a free prescription discount card that can help save on the cost of prescription drugs, including insulin, needles and insulin syringes. The card is for New York State residents who are 50 to 64 years of age or persons with a disability regardless of age. Income eligibility limits are up to \$35,000 single and \$50,000 married. However, if there is a substantial income drop residents may report their current year gross income. Those with Medicaid coverage are not eligible.

The NYPS card can lower the cost of prescriptions by as much as 60 percent on generics and 30 percent on brand name drugs. When the card is presented, the price will be reduced by a cash discount right at the pharmacy counter. Most outpatient prescription drugs are eligible for a discount. New York State is sponsoring the program with the support of a statewide network of over 3,900 pharmacies that are generously providing these discounts. Many pharmaceutical manufacturers are also participating and providing additional discounts.

Individuals must meet the income requirements and use the card at participating pharmacies. Applicants can apply online at <http://nyprescriptionsaver.fhsc.com>, download a NYPS application from the website and mail it in, or call the toll-free Helpline at **1-800-788-6917**. Participating pharmacies and the discounted prices for drugs can be found on the website.

The NYPS program has outreach representatives across the State who can provide training to help others apply or present program information to groups. If you would like to make arrangements to have an outreach representative attend an event or meeting, please contact Joyce Finkelmeier through the toll-free number above.