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Orange County Introduces Free Prescription Drug Discount Program *Discount Card to be Mailed to all County Residents at No Cost to County or Residents*

Goshen – In a press conference held at the Orange County Government Center in Goshen today, Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana and Michael R. Pillmeier, Chairman of the Orange County Legislature, announced the launch of the County’s participation in the ProAct prescription drug discount program endorsed by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

“We hear about people who can’t afford the medications they need, people who will go without necessary prescriptions because it’s a choice between the medication or putting food on the table, and people who will cut their pills in half or skip doses to make the prescription last a little longer,” said County Executive Diana. “It should not be a choice people need to make, they should have access to the medications they need. Today we are doing something about it,” Mr. Diana continued.

“Participation in the ProAct prescription drug discount program is another example of Orange County’s continuing efforts to enhance and improve the quality of life for our residents,” said Legislator Jeff Berkman, speaking on behalf of the Legislature. “Best of all, we’re able to do this at no cost to the County or our residents. I encourage residents to put this card right into their wallets so they have it handy should they ever need it,” added Mr. Berkman.

Beginning this week, ProAct will mail prescription discount cards to every household in Orange County to ensure that any resident in need of prescription drug financial relief may benefit from this discount program. The discount card covers all prescription medications, brand or generic. The cards cannot be used in conjunction with any other type of insurance or to discount co-pays. Residents who currently have insurance can use the card in the event that a particular drug is not covered under their current insurance plan.

Cards will be mailed to every County household. It is critical that people are informed and aware that the cards they receive are not junk mail, but rather an important discount opportunity that

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should be kept for their use. Various County agencies and municipalities will also receive a supply of cards for distribution to residents. One card can be used for the entire family.

ProAct is accepted at most Orange County pharmacies and can be used nationwide at any of more than 55,000 participating pharmacies. Participants can expect to save, on average, 10 to 20% on brand drugs and 20 to 70% on generics – at no cost to the County or participants. The program is sponsored by the New York State Association of Counties and is offered by more than half of all the counties in the State.

In closing, Mr. Diana thanked County Legislator Katie Bonelli and staff members Richard Mayfield and Kristin Jensen for their work in helping to bring this important program to the people of Orange County.

For more information, including a listing of participating pharmacies, ProAct can be reached toll-free at 877-776-2285 or by visiting www.NYRxDiscountCard.com. Additional cards are available at County offices and various municipalities throughout the County.

ProAct Prescription Drug Discount Cards will be available at the following locations: Senator William Larkin's office, 1093 Little Britain Rd., New Windsor; Senator John Bonacic's office 201 Dolson Ave., Suite F, Middletown; Assemblywoman Nancy Calhoun's office 1012 Little Britain Rd., Suite 900, New Windsor; Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt's office, 41 High Street, Goshen; Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office, 19 South Street, Middletown; Assemblyman Tom Kirwan's office 190 S. Plank Rd, Newburgh.

Cards will also be available at Orange County Clerk Donna Benson's offices, 255 Main St., Goshen, 128 Broadway Newburgh, 14 King Street, Middletown, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, as well as Veterans' Services, and all Orange County Department of Social Services' locations.

In addition, the following municipalities have graciously allowed us to leave supplies for residents: The City of Middletown City Hall, 16 James Street, Middletown; City of Newburgh City Hall, 83 Broadway Newburgh; City of Port Jervis City Hall, 14-20 Hammond St Port Jervis.

The Town Halls of Blooming Grove - 6 Horton Rd.; Chester - 1786 Kings Hwy., Chester; Cornwall - 183 Main Street, Cornwall; Crawford - 121 Rt. 302, Crawford; Deerpark - 420 Rte. 209, Huguenot; Goshen - 41 Webster Ave., Goshen; Greenville - 1537 US Hwy. Rte.6; Hamptonburgh -18 Bull Road, Campbell Hall; Highlands - 254 Main St., Highland Falls; Minisink – Westtown; Monroe - 11 State Rd., Monroe; Montgomery -110 Bracken Rd. Montgomery; Mount Hope - 1706 Rte. 211 W., Otisville; New Windsor - 555 Union Ave. New Windsor; Newburgh -1496 Rte. 300, Newburgh; Tuxedo - One Temple Drive, Tuxedo; Wallkill - 99 Tower Drive, Middletown; Warwick -132 Kings Hwy., Warwick; Wawayanda - 80 Ridgebury Hill Rd., Slate Hill; and Woodbury - 511 Rte. 32, Highlands Mills.

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County Executive Edward A. Diana (at podium) was joined by Orange County legislators, local elected officials, and County commissioners for the introduction of Orange County's participation in the ProAct prescription drug discount program at the County Government Center. Cards will be sent to all County households.