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## Ohio's Best Rx Card now provides savings to all Ohioans, regardless of income All Ohio residents are eligible for savings on prescription drugs

**Columbus & Twinsburg, OH** – Ohio's Best Rx, a free, state-endorsed prescription drug discount program available to seniors and other qualifying low-income families and individuals since 2004, has expanded and is now available to all Ohio residents, regardless of age or income. There are no waiting periods to receive the card and no membership fees. Ohioans age 60-plus, as well as adults age 18-59 with disabilities, have access to Ohio's Best Rx as a benefit with their Golden

"Having access to the medications our health professionals prescribe is essential to maintaining the highest quality of life possible. But for some, getting the medicine they need at a price they can afford is a challenge," said Bonnie Kantor-Burman, director of the department. "Now, all Ohioans have access to savings on drug purchases not covered by insurance. For many, this can mean the difference between getting the care they need and not getting it."

Buckeye Card. Others can now sign up for Ohio's Best Rx instantly online, by phone or via text message.

Ohio's Best Rx is administered by Envision Pharmaceutical Services through a public-private partnership with the Ohio Department of Aging. Envision's pharmacy benefits manager secures discounts on prescription drugs and passes those savings on to customers.

"This partnership exemplifies innovation and transparency, and is the foundation of the relationship between the Ohio Department of Aging and Envision," said Barry Katz, President, Envision. "Envision is proud to be an Ohio-based company focused on delivering value to the residents of the State."

## **About Ohio's Best Rx**

Approximately 1.2 million Ohioans participate in the Ohio's Best Rx program. Members have filled more than 3.5 million prescriptions and saved over \$56 million in since the program started. The Ohio's Best Rx discount is honored at more than 60,000 pharmacies in the nationwide network, including major chain pharmacies.

Ohio's Best Rx is not prescription drug insurance, but can help individuals and families without coverage for some or all of the prescriptions significantly reducing their out-of-pocket costs. Members will always pay the lower of Ohio's Best Rx negotiated price and the pharmacy's usual and customary price. Members whose family income is less than 300 percent of the federal poverty level qualify for even deeper discounts.

Visit <a href="www.OhioBestRx.org">www.OhioBestRx.org</a> to learn more about the program, download a printable card, find participating pharmacies and estimate your savings on specific prescriptions. Call 1-866-923-7879 (TTY users dial 711 for Relay Service) to sign up and have a card mailed to you, or receive a card on your mobile phone by texting **OHBEST** to **567899**. Information on the website is available in English and Spanish. Multilingual drug card service representatives are available by calling the toll-free number.

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## About Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)

The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that our elders are respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute. We collaborate with state agencies and community partners, including area agencies on aging, to help integrate aging needs into local plans and ensure that aging Ohioans have access to a wide array of high-quality services and supports that are person-centered in policy and practice. Our programs include the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, caregiver support, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. The partnership described above is one such collaboration. Please find us on Facebook, <a href="www.facebook.com/OhioDepartmentOfAging">www.facebook.com/OhioDepartmentOfAging</a>, and follow us on Twitter, @OhioDeptOfAging.

## About EnvisionRxOptions

Established in 2001, Envision Pharmaceutical Services (EnvisionRxOptions) is a national, full-service pharmacy benefits management (PBM) company. The company is part of a group of healthcare management companies owned and operated by Envision Pharmaceutical Holdings, Inc. (EPH), a privately held company. EPH subsidiaries include Envision Insurance Company, a fully insured provider of Medicare Part D Plans nationally, Envision Medical Solutions, Inc., an administrator of prescription savings plans and Prescription Savings Cards, and Orchard Pharmaceutical Services, Inc., a full-service mail order and specialty drug pharmacy. Envision Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. was founded on a commitment to provide full transparency and disclosure in the PBM marketplace. The company has been awarded the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC) accreditations for PBM and Drug Therapy Management annually since 2007. Envision is headquartered in Twinsburg, OH, with offices in Fort Lauderdale, FL; Tampa, FL; Canton, OH; and El Dorado Hills, CA. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.envisionrx.com">www.envisionrx.com</a> or call 800-361-4542.

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