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Virginia Drug Card: Addressing drug spending increases

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A recent article by *Pharmacy Times* states prescription drug costs are projected to increase between 11 to 13 percent in 2016, a recent analysis found. Researchers from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy (UIC COP) used the IMS Health National Sales Perspectives (NSP) database to review recent cost changes and future factors likely to influence spending trends. In doing so, they projected that drug spending will increase by 15 to 17 percent in clinics, and 10 to 12 percent in hospital settings.

The Virginia Drug Card is a free option to lower out-of-pocket prescription costs. If you have a high deductible, or take a medication not covered by insurance, or have no prescription coverage, the Virginia Drug Card can save you up to 75 percent. Log on to www.VirginiaDrugCard.com to print a free card. You can walk in to any CVS/Pharmacy and request to use the Virginia Drug Card. You can also contact John Cenerazzo at John@VirginiaDrugCard.com for more information.

