

Drug aid program continues

The city's program to aid residents with their prescriptions continues. Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr. issued a statement urging them to utilize the program if they qualify.

The city and its Health and Wellness Alliance began a partnership with the Heinz Family Foundation in October 2010 to create two programs of free or discount prescriptions for Orange residents.

Orange was the fourth city in the nation to be chosen to participate in the discount program.

The prescription plans include:

- **OrangeRx:** The OrangeRx patient assistance program provides residents with a year of free brand-name prescription medications. They must not have prescription insurance coverage to qualify.

- **OrangeRx-Generic:** Under this program, the city works with local pharmacies to provide a formulary of more than 400 generic medications at \$2 for a 30-day supply. This option is open to individuals regardless of insurance status.

Residents also meet income guidelines for the two programs, which are approximately 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$21,660 for an individual or \$44,100 for a family of four. Individuals without legal residency status may be eligible.

Residents may visit one of the two participating pharmacies: Value Mart Pharmacy, 314 Main St., and E&M Pharmacy, 325 Henry St.

Additional information regarding the program is available by calling the Department of Community Affairs at 973-266-4080. For bilingual assistance, contact Sandra Barrera at 973-266-4003.