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Carroll residents eligible for dental discount program

Sept. 1, 2010 – The Board of County Commissioners today launched a dental discount card program that is open to all county residents. This pilot program will allow uninsured and underinsured county residents to save money on their dental service expenses. Carroll is among 38 counties nationwide selected to participate in the program through its membership in the National Association of Counties (NACo), in partnership with Careington.

The discount card can help residents save an average of 5 percent to 50 percent on their dental care services, and 20 percent on orthodontic services. With the card, Carroll County residents will have access to significant savings on dental cleanings, X-rays, braces, dentures, crowns, root canals and other important procedures.

With monthly costs starting at \$6.95 per person, or \$59 a year, and \$8.95 per month or \$69 per year for families, the program is not an insurance plan. Instead, it is designed to complement health insurance plans or work in conjunction with health savings accounts, flexible spending accounts and health reimbursement arrangements. It is also a cost-effective way for younger retirees to meet their dental needs.

“Five years ago, I introduced the NACo Prescription Drug Card Program to Carroll County. Since then, our residents have saved over \$1.7 million on their prescription medications,” said Commission President Julia W. Gouge. “That’s why, as a NACo board member, I started asking about the dental program early on.”

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“I am proud to say that out of 3,068 counties in the United States, we are one of 38 pilot counties for the program,” Gouge continued. “This card is just one more opportunity for our citizens to save money, and it is easy to use. We have several participating dentists within the County. You can simply make an appointment with one of these dentists, present your card, and start saving. These programs are part of what makes Carroll County a great place to live, to work, and to play.”

For more information about the [NACo Dental Discount Card Program](#), or to apply online and see a list of local dental care providers participating in the program, visit the official website at www.nacodentalprogram.com. You can also call Careington's Member Services at 1-877-354-6226. Basic information also can be found on the [Carroll County website](#).

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