



# Calvert County NEWS

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### **Program Makes Dental Care More Affordable** *Residents Can Get Up to 50 Percent Discount on Services*

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Nov. 19, 2013** – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners is working with the National Association of Counties (NACo) to offer a dental discount card, making dental care more affordable for residents.

The NACo Dental Discount Card allows families to save money on dental care, orthodontic treatment and other dental care services through a network of participating private practice dentists. Only dentists who participate in Careington and Aetna managed care plans participate in the NACo Dental Discount Program.

Enrolling in the program costs \$6.95 a month or \$59 a year for an individual; and \$8.95 a month or \$69 a year for a family. The program offers discounts of up to 50 percent on dental procedures including routine oral exams, unlimited cleanings and major work like dentures, root canals and crowns. Since the program is not insurance, anyone can join and there is no limit on use. There are also no age or income restrictions.

Prince Frederick resident John Sasiadek is the first Calvert County resident to sign up for the discount card and said he is excited about the money he expects to save by using it. The 71-year-old said he was previously using another discount program to help with his dental bills, but the NACo program will save him an additional 38 percent.

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Sasiadek said he and his wife spent about \$2,000 each in the last year on dental care and he expects that the new discount program will save them about \$400 in the next year.

“It pays a little more and it costs a little less” than his previous discount program, Sasiadek said. “I’m just tickled to death with it.”

Some dentists do not contract with Careington and Aetna. To confirm whether a particular dentist is participating, check the list of eligible dentists on the NACo website at [www.naco.org/programs/residents/Pages/DentalDiscountCardProgramSearch.aspx](http://www.naco.org/programs/residents/Pages/DentalDiscountCardProgramSearch.aspx).

If you use a dentist in another county, you can also check whether he or she participates through the same link. If you don’t currently have a dentist, the link will provide you with the names of at least five participating dentists closest to your ZIP code.

More information about the NACo Dental Discount Card Program is available at [www.nacodentalprogram.com](http://www.nacodentalprogram.com). Call 877-354-NACo and mention marketing code “NACo” to take advantage of special rates.

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