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Chautauqua County Offers Residents Greater Access to Dentists

County Executive Edwards announces new program that makes a trip to the dentist less painful for County residents

Mayville:-- Chautauqua County Executive Gregory J. Edwards announced today a new voluntary Dental Network Card Program designed to make going to the dentist easier and more affordable for individuals and families in Chautauqua County. County residents can purchase a card for reduced rates on dental services for themselves and their families.

“Proper dental hygiene is often out of reach for many families and retirees,” said Edwards. “Dental care is a key ingredient to overall good health, and this new program makes a trip to the dentist possible for more families in our county. We are pleased to help provide residents without dental insurance more affordable access to participating dentists in our communities, with no cost to the County.”

The Dental Network Card Program provides cardholders with information they can use to locate dentists who have agreed to charge reduced fees for dental services. A cardholder can expect to pay rates that are over 30% less than the Chautauqua County average for routine dental exams and cleanings, fillings, crowns, root canals, and other dental services.

“Too often people avoid going to the dentist because they don’t have insurance,” said New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Executive Director Stephen Acquario. “By providing residents with access to this card, Executive Edwards is enabling families and individuals who cannot afford dental insurance to pay the same rates as the insurance companies. That will make a big difference in the affordability of dental care, and it will allow many County residents who previously avoided the dentist to receive the care they deserve.”

The Dental Network Card Program is not an insurance program, but rather a partnership created by NYSAC and the Health Economics Group (Rochester, New York) so that counties can offer the program to their residents. For only a dime a day residents can receive Individual Coverage or for a dollar a week they can receive Family Coverage.

“We saw the need in our communities and we identified this as one more way that we can help connect our residents with the care they need to stay healthy,” said County Executive Edwards.

The Dental Network Card program makes use of the extensive DenteMax network of dentists, with more than 100,000 dental access points throughout the country. Chautauqua County dentists who belong to the DenteMax network will provide dental care at reduced rates, according to the DenteMax network fee schedule, when a patient presents an identification card bearing the DenteMax name or logo.

For more information and to enroll yourself or your family in the program, visit the Chautauqua County website at www.co.chautauqua.ny.us or the Dental Network Card Program webpage at <http://www.heginc.com/dentemax-NYSAC.html> or call 1-800-666-6690 ext. 505

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