

FLORIDA RETIREE MEMBERS NEW DENTAL BENEFIT ARRIVING SOON

Responding to the increased demand for additional dental services in Florida, the Retirees Association of DC 37 is pleased to announce that in the near future, a new “voluntary” discount dental plan will become available only to our members, their spouses/significant others and dependant children residing in Florida. A mailing will be sent to all the members with information describing the new benefit, including a brochure and application form. The Careington Company has over 5,000 participating dental providers in the state of Florida. Basically the plan offers a 20% to 70% savings on **realistic and customary charges**. This plan does not replace the dental coverage we receive from DC 37 Health and Security; rather it is an additional or supplementary benefit.

In order for us to continue to receive our dental benefits from Health and Security, the participating dentists still have to submit claims to New York and members are still required to get mandatory preauthorization before beginning treatment for dentures and bridges, crowns, extensive gum treatment, TMJ therapy, root canal therapy, or orthodontics. You will be able to call a toll free number to find if your dentist is a participating provider or get a list of participating dentists in your zip code. Additionally, for those of you with computer savvy, the Careington Company will have a web site exclusively for our members who want to locate appropriate dental providers. The brochure will be mailed out soon.

The cost of joining this voluntary plan is \$6.95 per month for single coverage or \$8.95 per month for family coverage. However, members who pay annually will receive an additional 25% savings with an annual payment cost of \$62.55 for individual membership and \$89.55 per family membership. Coverage begins as soon as Carington receives and processes your payment. There is no waiting period, no benefit maximums and no excluded pre-conditions. Members should start receiving their information packets along with an application in the near future.