



UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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Health Services

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Dear UMass Student Plan/Student Family Member:

Beginning September 3, 1991, the University Health Services instituted a number of additional fees and/or co-payments in order to keep the mandatory Student Health Fee and Student Family Plan fees to a minimum. As a result the following charges will be made.

1. **Pharmacy Benefit:** Birth control pills, \$10.00 per cycle. Each prescription of all other formulary items (including insulin) will be at wholesale cost for up to one month supply, minimum \$5.00, maximum \$50.00 per prescription. Non-formulary prescriptions at cost plus handling charge.
- \*2. **Surgical Specialist Visits at UHS:** \$10.00 per visit co-payment, including orthopedics, general surgery, and gynecology specialists. Exclusions: consults regarding termination of pregnancy, and pre- and post-natal visits to specialists remain fully covered.
- \*3. **VISITS BETWEEN 9:00 P.M. AND 8:00 A.M. THE NEXT MORNING:** \$10.00 per visit co-payment.
- \*4. **VISITS AFTER NOON ON SATURDAY AND ALL DAY SUNDAY, UNTIL 8:00 A.M. ON MONDAY MORNING:** \$10.00 per visit co-payment.
- \*5. **Allergy Clinic Visit:** \$10.00 co-payment per visit. Allergy Testing: Full fee-for-service charges for visit and test materials. (Cost of test materials is not covered by SHBP).
- \*6. **Electrocardiograms (routine, non-diagnostic):** \$10.00 co-payment per test.
- \*7. **Colposcopy Exam:** \$25.00 co-payment per exam.
- \*8. **Sigmoidoscopy Exam:** \$25.00 co-payment per exam.
9. **Diabetic Supplies:** Covered at 50% of costs.
10. **Physical Examinations (routine, non-diagnostic):** \$25.00 per exam, plus any necessary laboratory tests.

For services which occur after the UHS Cashier's Office is closed (especially afterhours and weekend visits), co-payments can be made at the Cashier's Office for up to two weeks after the visit. **AFTER TWO WEEKS OF NO PAYMENT, AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 HANDLING FEE WILL BE ADDED TO THE CO-PAYMENT AND A BILL WILL BE SENT.** Any bills not cleared within a reasonable time can lead to administrative withdrawal from the University. (These added charges do not apply to Kaiser Permanente members at UHS.)

We regret to announce these modest changes for the coming year. However, we will continue to work with you and the Student Health Advisory Board to minimize additional charges without jeopardizing necessary services.

\* **GOOD NEWS** for the Supplemental Health Benefits Plan and Student Family Health Plan subscribers...**THE ASTERISKED CO-PAYMENTS ARE COVERED** under your SHBP or FHP. If you have not subscribed yet, there is still time...visit the UHS Cashier for information or call 549-2671, ext. 232.

Sincerely,

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