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Student Health Service *Division of Student Affairs*

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Dear Student, Parent, Sponsor, or Guardian,

The University of Pittsburgh understands the importance of making high-quality, easy-to-use, affordable health care available to students attending college. For care involving the treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, the University not only maintains the programs and services of the Student Health Service located on the University's Oakland campus, but also offers health care facilities on or near each of our four regional campuses.

We realize that more serious medical conditions may require care beyond the capabilities of a campus health care facility—costly care such as emergency department visits, surgery, hospital stays, and therapy visits. Without insurance, a serious illness or injury can result in bills totaling thousands of dollars—bills that eat away at funds earmarked for tuition and books, throwing serious financial roadblocks in the way of a college education.

To safeguard against this type of unfortunate situation, the University has joined with the UPMC Health Plan, the insurance division of the world-class University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). As a result, the University of Pittsburgh and UPMC Health Plan are proud to offer you student health insurance that is not only affordable, but as a UPMC product, includes benefits far surpassing those typically found in student insurance plans:

- Preventive care
- Coverage for all types of injuries, including sports and exercise injuries
- Shaping My Health, a full-scale online health promotion program
- Out-of-area coverage while traveling or during extended off-campus periods

Please take a moment to review the information in this packet, which outlines and describes the UPMC Health Plan benefits, timelines, and premiums for the University of Pittsburgh 2009-10 academic year.

Please keep in mind that many parents' insurance plans limit coverage to dependents who are full-time students and/or who are 19 years of age or younger. Many insurance plans also limit coverage for dependents who are considered "out of network" while they are away from school.

We encourage you to consider the UPMC Health Plan student health insurance as a means of protecting yourself and your loved ones against unexpected, unforeseen medical expenses that could temporarily—or permanently—interrupt a college career. For more information on how UPMC Health Plan's student insurance and health promotion programs can maintain your own and/or your dependent's current and future health, please call 1-888-499-6885.

Regards,
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