

February 28, 2011

Dear Domestic SMU Students:

On behalf of the Student Health Center, I would like to welcome you as a new or returning student to Southern Methodist University (SMU) for fall semester of the 2011–2012 Academic year. SMU is very concerned about the health and well-being of all of our students and we at the Student Health Center are here to serve and provide for your medical care while attending the University. In order to ensure that you have appropriate health care coverage, SMU’s PEC (President’s Executive Council) passed a Mandatory Health Insurance policy. This policy requires all Domestic students, both undergraduate and graduate, taking nine or more credit hours to have health insurance through either an individual/family plan or the University offered plan. SMU’s mandatory policy requires those students with the enrollment status mentioned to provide documentation of current insurance coverage or to enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) by the deadline date each term. Students will do so, after they have enrolled for classes, by selecting the ‘Health Insurance’ button in the ‘Student Center’ component of Access.SMU. (Documentation **must be done** in Access.SMU to be considered for a waiver. Any other documentation will not be accepted. (i.e. providing documentation on a Health History form, by fax, etc.)) For domestic students already maintaining their own private coverage the student must waive SHIP coverage in order to avoid automatic enrollment into SHIP and thereby have a semi-annual premium charge of \$759.00 applied to the student’s University account. **The deadline for Fall 2011 is August 26, 2011. No reversals of premiums or changes to insurance can be made after the deadline each semester.**

For more information and instructions on how to WAIVE or ELECT coverage please visit www.smu.edu/healthinsurance.

For the 2011-2012 Academic year, the University has partnered with Academic HealthPlans, Inc. (AHP) and Aetna Student Health to provide high-quality health insurance coverage to our students and their dependents. The Plan provides coverage for accidents and sicknesses, hospitalizations, emergency room, surgery, maternity, wellness and other services. Students receiving treatment at the Student Health Center will have no waiting period for pre-existing conditions and your deductible will be waived.

The Memorial Health Center files claims for the Student Health Insurance Plan only. Students who have other insurance will be provided an itemized receipt upon request at the time of service so that they may file the visit with their insurance company on their own. This receipt is adequate to file with insurance companies for reimbursement.

Health insurance is separate from the student health center fees and is paid for independently.

Should you have any questions please contact the Insurance Department at the Student Health Center at studenthealthinsurance@smu.edu or (214) 768-3408/3470 or Academic HealthPlans, Inc. at (855) 247-2273.

Sincerely,



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