



## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE (SHS) FACT SHEET

### Mandatory Student Health Fee and Insurance Billing

#### Mandatory Student Health Fee includes, but not limited to:

- dietitian appointments
- nurse triage
- immunization compliance
- online student health portal
- health promotion and prevention programs
- health and wellness education and outreach

#### Billable charges include, but not limited to:

- office visits to see a provider (MD or NP)
- immunizations & injections
- procedures
- treatments & supplies
- medical laboratory services
- prescriptions
- over the counter medications
- x-ray services

#### How do students know if their insurance will cover services at SHS?

- Each student is responsible for checking with their insurance company to determine:
  - covered services
  - if SHS is considered in-network or out-of-network

#### Billing Process:

- SHS began submitting health insurance claims for clinical services on January 1, 2019.
- It is VERY important to bring current insurance information to all appointments including the policy holder's name, address and date of birth.
- Co-pays, if required by the student's insurance policy, will be posted to the student's account. NOTE: co-pays are not determined by SHS.
- Charges for clinical services rendered during the appointment will be submitted to the student's insurance company for processing. This can take 4-6 weeks. If a student has provided secondary insurance information, SHS will submit the claim to the secondary after it been fully processed from the primary. This may result in longer processing time
- After insurance processing, any remaining balances (including co-pays, deductibles, co-insurance and any non-covered services) are posted to the student's account.
- A statement of itemized services will be posted to the Student Health Portal for reference after the insurance has been processed. Students will receive an email notification once this is available.
- Pharmacy will continue to process prescription claims.

## **Disclosing or Releasing Medical Information:**

- A signed authorization form must be signed by the student before SHS will be able to disclose any information to outside individuals (including a parent and/or guardian) regarding the student's appointment(s). This form is available on the SHS website at [www.ndsu.edu/studenthealthservice/forms/](http://www.ndsu.edu/studenthealthservice/forms/).

## **How do students pay for charges?**

- Once the charges have been posted to the student's account, they have 30 days to pay their balance. Past due balances may result in registration and/or transcript holds and balances that are more than 30 days past due may be subject to a late payment fee.
- Charges posted to the student's account can be paid via the following:
  - Online through Campus Connection via credit card (fees apply)
  - In person with cash/check at NDSU One Stop in the Memorial Union
  - In person or by phone in SHS via HSA (Health Savings Account) or FSA (Flexible Savings Account) card payments. Please contact the SHS Insurance Coordinator to pay by phone or with questions at 701-231-5239.

## **What if a student forgets to bring their insurance card to an appointment?**

- Without insurance information, claims will not be submitted to the insurance company. Students are required to provide insurance information within 3 business days of their appointment. If insurance information is not provided, the full balance will be posted to the student's account and they will be responsible for 100% of their charges.

## **What if a student does not want charges submitted to insurance?**

- When a student checks in for their appointment, they must request to fill out the "Do not file Insurance for Today's Visit" form at the reception desk staff. This form is only valid for that appointment date. The student is then responsible for 100% of the charges for that visit, which will be posted to their student account.

## **What is a Deductible/Out of Pocket Expense?**

- A co-pay, deductible, or co-insurance is the amount an individual must pay annually towards certain categories of medical expenses before insurance benefits begin. These amounts are set by the insurance. For more information on these amounts, call the number on the back of the insurance card.

## **What if a student does not have insurance?**

- Enrolled and eligible students may utilize SHS regardless of having insurance or not.
- Resources for enrolling in a health insurance plan are available on the SHS website at [www.ndsu.edu/studenthealthservice/insurance/insuranceresources/](http://www.ndsu.edu/studenthealthservice/insurance/insuranceresources/).
- The SHS Insurance Coordinator can assist students with resources if requested.
- Depending on the situation the student may be advised of the emergency fund - [www.ndsu.edu/onestop/finaid/assistanceprograms/student\\_emergency\\_fund/](http://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/finaid/assistanceprograms/student_emergency_fund/)

## **Please contact the Student Health Service Insurance Coordinator with any questions:**

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