Montana State University extends yearlong health and accident protection to students

University of Montana--Missoula. Office of University Relations

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Recommended Citation

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Relations at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact scholarworks@mso.umt.edu.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Montana State University has entered an agreement with Hospital Service Association of Montana (Blue Cross) to extend yearlong health and accident protection to students, according to A. C. Cogswell, dean of students.

The optional, low-cost Blue Cross plan picks up where the campus health plan leaves off, the dean said. Students are now covered by a student health plan, established with the cooperation of the Western Montana Medical Society, he explained. The present plan pays, in most cases, medical costs of illnesses and injuries of students in residence and supports a well staffed infirmary for in-patient care.

The present plan, however, covers students only when they are regularly enrolled, so it offers little protection during periods between quarters and none during summer vacation, Dean Cogswell pointed out.

The Blue Cross insurance will fill in the gaps by extending protection over the whole year. It also offers coverage of dependents, including maternity benefits for wives of registered students.

The new plan extends hospital coverage from the 15 days allowed under the student health plan to 120 days per confinement. It provides for renewal of benefits after one month without use and contains other features to augment hospital, medical and surgical benefits of the student health plan.

A student would pay $3 a quarter for the supplemental Blue Cross coverage in addition to the $10 quarterly fee for the student health plan, Dean Cogswell said. A student would become eligible for the Blue Cross insurance at the time he enrolls at MSU and becomes a participant in the University's student health plan. A student who does not enter the Blue Cross plan at the time he is first eligible would not become eligible again until the following fall quarter.

###