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Re: Student Injuries and Insurance 2022 - 2023 School Year

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

The safety of our students is one of our most important concerns. Even so, accidents do happen and resulting medical treatment (ambulance transport, surgery, hospitalization, etc.) can be very expensive.

Please know that the District **does not** assume responsibility for these costs. However, as a service to you and your child, we have joined with 1,000's of others by offering you access to a low cost, voluntary purchase, student accident/health insurance program. The program is arranged and administered by Myers-Stevens & Toohey & Co., Inc. a firm that has specialized in such programs for over 40 years. Details and an enrollment form are in the accompanying brochure. Please read it carefully.

Several plans are offered and rates for the entire school year start at around \$21 (Dental Accident Plan). You can limit coverage to school related injuries only (including sports) or opt for 24/7 protection. Also offered is a Student Accident & Sickness Plan (recommended if your child has no other health insurance) and a pharmacy discount program for your entire family. Whether your child currently has no other coverage or you want to "fill in the gaps" in other insurance, you will probably find an option to fit your needs. Regardless of the benefit level selected, all of the accident medical plans and the Student Accident & Sickness Plan will cover eligible charges for Ambulance, Emergency Room and Emergency Room Physician at 100% of Usual, Customary and Reasonable charges (UCR) up to plan limits.

While you can seek care from any doctor or hospital, you'll also have access to an extensive network of medical providers with discounted charges. Seeking care through contracted providers may further reduce your out-of-pocket costs, particularly if your child needs surgery or hospitalization.

To enroll, complete the enrollment form in full, select the plan(s) you want for your child, enclose the proper premium using a check, money order or credit card, seal and return as directed on the form. While your child is eligible to enroll at any time, you are encouraged to consider early enrollment to get maximum value from the plan(s) selected.

Note - Once processing is completed, an ID card verifying coverage will be mailed to you.

Enrollment and claim forms are also available on the web at <u>www.Myers-Stevens.com</u>, or by going to our district website, <u>www.upsd83.org</u> and clicking on <u>Family Resources</u>, <u>Health Services</u>, <u>Student Insurance</u>.

If you have any questions, please call Myers-Stevens & Toohey at (800) 827-4695. Bilingual representatives are available for parents who need assistance in Spanish.

Sincerely,

Alphonso E. Melton Jr. Executive Director of Business Services