



As we approach the new plan year, which begins on August 24, 2020, our office wanted to inform you of a few Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) updates. Our office continues to be committed to meeting the healthcare needs of University of Minnesota students.

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, we have made changes to benefits and pivoted how we interact with students to keep students and staff safe.

COVID-19 Services Coverage

If you believe you may have COVID-19, call your provider as they can determine if you need to be tested. To find a provider log in to your [Blue Cross member portal](#). There is zero participant cost for in-network COVID-19 testing and treatment until at least 12/31/2020 (does not include experimental pharmaceuticals and medical treatments). Find detailed information on [COVID-19 services coverage](#) on our website.

ID Cards

If you will be enrolled in the SHBP for fall semester, you will receive a new Blue Cross ID card after the October 1 enrollment/waiver deadline. If you have enrolled dependents, they will now have the same group number as you, the primary member.

You are able to access services before you get your new card. To do so, contact the Office of Student Health Benefits (umshbo@umn.edu or 612-624-0627) or Blue Cross (651-662-5004) to get your policy information. Next create an account with [Blue Cross](#), then download and begin using the [BlueCrossMN mobile app](#). After you have that, you will be able to access your ID card electronically in the [BlueCrossMN mobile app](#). The app also gives you access to check claims or find a doctor.

Prescription Benefit

If you are in Minnesota, [Boynton Pharmacy](#) likely remains your best and most convenient option for filling your prescriptions. Beginning on August 24, the SHBP will allow you to fill a 90-day supply of your medication when picking up at Boynton Pharmacy (some exceptions may apply). Boynton Pharmacy's prices are also often lower than the \$15/\$25 co-pay tiers. Additionally, Boynton Pharmacy continues to provide curbside pickup to keep students safe and you will not even need to enter the clinic. Boynton Pharmacy can mail prescriptions to most places within Minnesota at no extra charge. Please visit the [Boynton Pharmacy website](#) to learn more.

Are you graduating this semester?

If you are graduating, or graduated after spring semester, you will no longer be eligible for the Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) and your coverage will end August 23, 2020. You have the option to enroll in a short-term coverage extension, which continues SHBP coverage through August 31, 2020. Enrollment in the short-term coverage extension can help to bridge the gap between the end of SHBP coverage and the start of your next plan. The deadline to elect this plan is August 23, 2020. Learn more on our [website](#).

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