If you will not hold an eligible fellowship or assistantship for fall semester, please disregard this email.

As we approach the new plan year, which begins on September 1, 2020, our office wanted to inform you of a few Graduate Assistant Health Plan (GAHP) 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 GAHP for fall semester, you will receive a new Blue Cross ID card after October 1st. If you have enrolled dependents on Plan 1, they will now have the same group number as you, the primary member. If you have enrolled dependents on Plan 2, your dependents will now have a different ID number from you, the primary member. The group number for dependents on Plan 2 will stay the same.

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 may be your best and most convenient option for filling your prescriptions. You are able to fill a 90-day supply of your medication when picking up at Boynton Pharmacy (some exceptions may apply). 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.

You are still able to fill your prescription(s) at a pharmacy convenient for you in the Prime Network.

Please contact our office with any questions.