

# **Student Insurance Program**

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## **Major Transition Issues**

- SEBT (Third Party Administrator) stopped paying claims
- SEBT notified UT on December 10, 2019 that they were ceasing operations
- SEBT filed for bankruptcy on January 22, 2019
- UT needed to find new medical, prescription drug, and stop-loss insurance coverage for January 1, 2019
- UT needed to secure and then transfer current dental and vision contracts retroactive back to January 1, 2019
- UT needed to administer Winter semester enrollment and waiver process through January 31, 2019
- Students need assistance with unpaid 2018 claims, 2019 provider network, and 2019 winter semester enrollment



### **Primary Functions of a Third Party Administrator**

- Pay providers for services (e.g. hospitals, physicians, labs, pharmacies)
- Pay vendor premiums (e.g. dental, vision)
- Calculate annual accumulators (e.g. deductibles, out-ofpocket maximums) to ensure students' payment obligations are accurate (based on plan design)
- Customer service
- Acquire or build provider network
- Maintain accurate eligibility files (send to vendors)
- Complete prior authorizations (utilization management)
- Provide financial and utilization reports to plan sponsor
- Obtain and store student premium payment information

(including credit card info)

### 2019 Spring - Participants, Premiums, Plan Design

Bronze Plan (594) (241 Undergrad / 353 Grad)

<u>Undergrad</u> / Grad

Student Only (240 / 353)

\$1,166 / \$1,774

o Student + Spouse (0 / 0)

\$4,267 / \$6,494

Student + Children (0 / 0)

\$3,021 / \$4,599

o Family

(1/0)

\$6,122 / \$9,319

Annual Deductible:

\$0 / \$800 / \$1600

Single / Family Out-of-Pocket Max:

\$6,250 / \$12,500

- Prescription Drug Coverage Utilizing UT Pharmacy = co-pay only
  - Generic \$5 co-pay + (40% / 50% coinsurance)
  - Brand Formulary \$15 co-pay + (40% / 50% coinsurance)
  - Brand Non-Formulary \$30 co-pay + (40% / 50% coinsurance)



Note: Coverage Period is January 1 to August 10, 2019 (8.32 months).

### 2019 Spring - Participants, Premiums, Plan Design

Silver Plan (26) (15 Undergrad / 11 Grad)

<u>Undergrad / Grad</u>

Student Only

(15/11)

\$1,457 / \$2,217

Student + Spouse (0 / 0)

\$5,333 / \$8,118

Student + Children (0 / 0)

\$3,777 / \$5,748

Family

(0/0)

\$7,653 / 11,648

Annual Deductible:

\$0 / \$600 / \$1,200

Single / Family Out-of-Pocket Max:

\$5,250 / \$12,500

- Prescription Drug Coverage Utilizing UT Pharmacy = co-pay only
  - Generic \$5 co-pay + (30% / 40% coinsurance)
  - Brand Formulary \$15 co-pay + (30% / 40% coinsurance)
  - Brand Non-Formulary \$30 co-pay + (30% / 40% coinsurance)



Note: Coverage Period is January 1 to August 10, 2019 (8.32 months).

### 2019 Spring - Participants, Premiums, Plan Design

Gold Plan (36) (14 Undergrad / 22 Grad)

<u>Undergrad / Grad</u>

Student Only

(13/22)

\$1,821 / \$2,772

Student + Spouse

(0 / 0)

\$6,667 / \$10,147

\$4,721 / \$7,185

Student + Children (0 / 0)

o Family

(1/0)

\$9,566 / \$14,561

Annual Deductible:

\$0 / \$400 / \$800

Single / Family Out-of-Pocket Max: \$4,250 / \$12,500

- Prescription Drug Coverage Utilizing UT Pharmacy = co-pay only
  - Generic \$5 co-pay + (20% / 40% coinsurance)
  - Brand Formulary \$15 co-pay + (20% / 40% coinsurance)
  - Brand Non-Formulary \$30 co-pay + (20% / 40% coinsurance)



Coverage Period is January 1 to August 10, 2019 (8.32 months).

## **Student Feedback / Themes to Date**

- Why are UT's plans so expensive?
- Students want affordable student insurance.
- Student insurance should provide adequate coverage (Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Max cannot be too high)
- Student Insurance Program staff are not always available.
- What do I do if I have 2018 unpaid claims?
- How do I know if my hospital of doctor is "in-network"?



## What To Do If You Have 2018 Unpaid Claims

- Call PayerFusion at 1-866-752-8881.
- PayerFusion will send student a HIPPA Release Form (this is needed for PayerFusion to act on students behalf).
- Student signs and returns the HIPPA Release Form.
- PayerFusion will reach out to Provider(s) on the student's behalf and offer next steps to Providers regarding the SEBT bankruptcy.
- Students should only be obligated to pay the applicable deductible and co-insurance based on their selected plan (gold, silver, bronze) and provider tier (UTMC/UTP, In-Network, Out-of-Network).



#### How to Find Out if Your Provider is "In-Network"

- Call PayerFusion at 1-866-752-8881
- If your preferred provider is not in network, the following can occur:
  - PayerFusion will fill out a "Provider Nomination" form.
  - PayerFusion will then reach out to provider and see if they can contract with the provider and get them in network.
  - PayerFusion can also help you find another hospital, provider, lab site (as applicable).
- You can also look up providers and pharmacies online at: <a href="https://payerfusion.com/provider-search/#myprovidersearch">https://payerfusion.com/provider-search/#myprovidersearch</a>
  - Then select the "US Search" button for US Providers or US Pharmacy Network.



#### **Components that Impact Monthly Premiums**

- Number of Plans (Currently there are 6 plans)
  - Undergraduate / Graduate
  - Gold, Silver, Bronze
- Number of Premium Tiers (Currently there are 4 tiers)
  - Single, Single + Spouse, Single + Child, Family
- Number of Medical Provider Tiers (Currently there are 3)
  - UTMC/UTP, In-Network, Out-of-Network
- Deductible Levels
- Out-of-Pocket Maximum Levels
- Medical/Prescription Drug Co-Insurance/Co-Pays Levels
- Opt-In versus Opt-Out (Currently we are "Opt-In")



## **Current Opportunities – Education**

- Provide student education on health insurance basics
  - o How to find a provider?
  - Owhen to go to doctor, urgent care, emergency room?
  - O What is your annual deductible, out-of-pocket maximum?
- Provide student education on PayerFusion services
  - Customer service and general education
  - Concierge services (e.g. SEBT unpaid claims)
  - Building the provider network
  - Payments to providers / administrators
  - Plan enrollment assistance
- Market the UT Student Insurance Program staff & availability



### **Current Vision for 2019 Fall Semester**

- Affordable Monthly Premiums (Potential Plan Structure)
  - One plan (Name TBD)
  - Reduce premium tiers (Student, Additional TBD)
  - Keep three medical provider tiers (UTMC/UTP, In-Network, Out-of-Network)
  - Complete building the provider network based on known student utilization.
- Student Preferred Plan Design(s) Its Your Plan
  - Deductible levels (By Provider Tier)
  - Out-of-Pocket Maximum
  - Medical / Prescription Drug Co-Insurance Levels



# **Insurance Basics – Impact on Premiums**

- The larger the risk pool, the more risk can be spread across participants → the lower the monthly premiums (all else equal).
- The higher the plan's coverage level (e.g. lower deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, and student co-pays/co-insurance)
  → the higher the monthly premium.
- The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has mandatory coverage levels for insurance plans (aka essential health benefits).





# **Student Insurance Program Enrollment**

		Total	
School Year	<u>Company</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
2017-2018	SEBT	941	
2016-2017	SEBT	913	
2015-2016	SEBT	787	
2014-2015	SEBT	1405	
2013-2014	MMO	2169	
2012-2011	MMO	2388	
2011-2012	Aetna	2483	
2010-2011	Aetna	2821	





#### 2018-2019 Student Insurance Enrollment

Fall 2018 [a]	<b>Bronze</b>	<u>Silver</u>	Gold	<u>Total</u>
Undergraduate	311	18	28	357
Graduate	397	25	19	441
Total	708	43	47	798

[a] = Data from PayerFusion Analysis (Not Audited)

<u>Spring 2019</u>	<b>Bronze</b>	<u>Silver</u>	Gold	<u>Total</u>
Undergraduate	241	15	14	270
Graduate	353	11	22	386
Total	594	26	36	656

Supplemental (1 Undergrad, 2 Graduate)



# **Questions / Discussion**





## **Questions for Students**

#### Would you support an "Opt-Out" program? Yes / No

 All students with "X" credit hours (different trigger for undergrad/grad) are auto-enrolled in health insurance and must opt out of student insurance and provide proof of medical/prescription drug insurance coverage. (This seems to be the most common among comparable universities in Ohio)

#### What is most important to you?

- Higher Plan Coverage Levels (Lower deductibles, etc.), OR
- Lower Monthly Premium

#### Would you rather have:

- A higher annual deductible (Impacts most plan utilizers), OR
- A higher annual medical out-of-pocket maximum (fewer plan participants would meet/exceed this limit)



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