

Medical Services Plan of British Columbia Information

I In order to be eligible for the BC Medical Plan you must submit:

- An application form completed by the student to www.hlth.gov.bc.ca
- Photocopies of the student's passport page and a current, up to date visa

II Other requirements include:

- Medical Services Plan (MSP) benefits begin after a three-month waiting period; temporary insurance is necessary during this three month waiting period and can be arranged through the School at a cost of approximately \$100.
- A monthly payment of approximately \$60 is made through the School to MSP

III MSP Benefits

- ◆ Medically required services of a physician, or of a specialist (such as a surgeon, anaesthetist or psychiatrist) when referred by a physician
- ◆ Diagnostic x-ray and laboratory services when ordered by a physician, podiatrist, dental surgeon or oral surgeon
- ◆ Dental and oral surgery when medically required to be performed in a hospital
- ◆ Medically required eye examinations

IV Services not covered by MSP

- ◆ Routine physical examinations performed for reasons other than medical necessity
- ◆ Medical examinations, certificates or tests required for life insurance, a driver's license, school, immigration, employment, etc.
- ◆ "cosmetic" surgery for the alteration of appearance
- ◆ restorative or other dental work performed in a dental office
- ◆ eyeglasses, hearing aids, braces, orthotics, and other equipment or appliances
- ◆ the services of counselors or psychologists
- ◆ routine eye examinations for beneficiaries between the ages of 19 and 64
- ◆ chiropractic, physiotherapy, naturopathy, massage therapy and non-surgical podiatry services for persons not receiving premium assistance.

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