ATHLETIC MEDICINE SERVICES

The Athletic Medicine staff provides medical services for athletic injuries including evaluation and diagnosis, management, and rehabilitation. The University of Oregon Athletic Medicine Department emphasizes the importance of injury prevention, as well as the need for optimal management of athletic related injuries to assure the long term health and well-being of student-athletes. Additional information and contact information for Athletic Medicine staff are available at www.uoregon.edu/~athmed.

INSURANCE/MEDICAL INFORMATION

The following information must be on file in the Treatment Center before student athletes will be allowed to practice, compete, be issued equipment, receive treatment, or be covered by the Athletic Department's secondary insurance policy:

NEW STUDENT ATHLETES AND TRANSFERS

1. **New Student-Athlete Medical History Form**: Athlete’s and Parents complete the New Student-Athlete Medical History Form and return it along with all other forms completed and signed to the Treatment Center. New student-athletes will receive a physical exam by the Team Physician when they arrive in the fall at the time of Team Physicals. An Immunization update is required by the State of Oregon to be on file with the registrar’s office.

2. **Intercollegiate Athletic Accident Insurance Questionnaire**: This form provides the Athletic Department and medical providers with your medical insurance coverage information. It must be completely filled out, leaving no blank lines, and **signed in all areas by the athlete**.
   a. The **only** insurance information listed in Section 3 should be **for the student-athlete**. Designate if father/mother/spouse carries coverage, or if both carry coverage for son/daughter/spouse, it is important to **list which one is primary and which one is secondary**. If parents **do not** cover student-athlete, list any other insurance coverage the student-athlete is covered by during the school year.
   b. **Please attach a copy of the insurance card(s)**.
   c. UO Student Health Center insurance may be purchased and covers non-athletic injuries and illnesses.
   d. Married student-athletes need to complete Section 1 and Section 4 and Section 5 (on the back side of the Insurance Questionnaire); parent information is not necessary.

3. **Emergency Card**: This is a card with parent/spouse contact information for staff use on road trips in case of an emergency.
RETURNING STUDENT ATHLETES

1. **Health Appraisal Form**: All returning athletes must complete a Health Appraisal Form each year with an athletic trainer.

2. **Intercollegiate Athletic Accident Insurance Questionnaire**: This form provides the Athletic Department and medical providers with your medical insurance coverage information. It must be completely filled out, leaving no blank lines, and **signed in all areas by the athlete**.
   
a. The *only* insurance information listed in Section 3 should be for the student-athlete. Designate if father/mother/Spouse carries coverage, or if both carry coverage for son/daughter/spouse, it is important to **list which one is primary and which one is secondary**. If parents do not cover student-athlete, list any other insurance coverage the student-athlete is covered by during the school year.

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STUDENT ATHLETES’ RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING INJURIES

When a student-athlete is injured during practice or competition, he/she should notify an athletic trainer as soon as possible, no matter how minor the injury may appear. If a physician referral is warranted, the athletic trainer will arrange the appointment.

**Student-athletes must be referred for all medical consultations by a staff athletic trainer or physician in order for the charges to be eligible for secondary insurance coverage by the Athletic Department’s insurance carrier.**

In the event that emergency treatment is necessary, it is the responsibility of the athlete, coach, or parents to contact a staff athletic trainer as soon as possible. In case of an extreme emergency when an athletic trainer cannot be reached, the coach may take necessary action to protect the welfare of the student-athlete. The athletic medicine staff must be notified of the situation as soon as possible.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

The University of Oregon Athletic Department, through the State of Oregon carries a **secondary** insurance policy. This will pay benefits for medical care for injuries related to participation in practice or competition after the athlete's parents/spouse insurance company has paid or denied benefits.

**All bills must be submitted to the student-athletes/parent/spouse insurance first.** If you suspect that the primary carrier will deny a charge due to a deductible that has not been met, or if you have an HMO which often rejects out-of-area claims, a copy of the processing report must still be provided to the Insurance Coordinator in the Athletic Department. A medical bill is submitted to your insurance company by the provider’s office/hospital.

Charges from the Student Health Center, relating to athletics participation for student athletes are paid initially by the Athletic Dept. A billing is then submitted to your insurance for any reimbursement with a copy to parents/spouse. **Please send any reimbursement or Explanation of Benefits information to the Athletic Department.**
INSURANCE BILLING PROCESS

After your insurance company receives a claim form and an itemized bill, they will send an Explanation of Benefits and/or payment to the provider's office or to the insured.

If you receive a check and an Explanation of Benefits from your insurance, please send the check and a copy of the EOB to the provider’s office for which the charges were incurred. If the payment was only a portion of the balance, or even denied please send a copy of the EOB and the itemized statement to The University of Oregon Athletic Treatment Center for submission to the university’s secondary insurance. The secondary insurance cannot be billed without the EOB indicating payment or denial from the primary insurance.

If you receive a request for more information from your insurance, complete it as soon as possible. If you need more information regarding an injury, call the Insurance Coordinator at 541-346-2257.

If your insurance requires proof that your son/daughter is a full-time student, please have your son/daughter get the information from Duck Web.

If you receive a billing from a provider or medical facility or information from insurance, either contact the provider’s office, the insurance company or forward the information to the Insurance Coordinator. Do not assume that the bill will be “taken care of”.

Secondary insurance coverage is provided for athletes who sustain injuries while a member of an official team roster. The Athletic Department medical injury insurance covers a student-athletes' existing injury for two years from the date of initial injury, likewise, the University of Oregon Athletic Department complies with coverage also for two years from injury date.

If a student-athlete leaves the team or school, secondary insurance coverage is in effect for documented athletically related injuries for two years from the date of injury, provided that medical treatment received is on the advice of a Athletic Medicine staff and the athlete continuing care has been supervised by the athletic trainer or team physician. Coverage will cease two years from the date of the original injury.

The University of Oregon Athletic Department is not responsible for payment for non athletic injuries. The student-athlete should report to the athletic trainer or team physician for assistance and guidance if medical treatment is necessary.

The Athletic Department is not liable for any pre-existing injuries sustained prior to the student-athlete being cleared for participation with the team sport. Any medical bills for such injuries will be the responsibility of the athlete and/or parent/spouse.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATHLETIC MEDICINE STAFF

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