

Dear Parent/Guardian/Athlete:

We are pleased to have your son/daughter as a member of one of our athletic teams at the University of Central Missouri. It is the hope of the entire athletic staff that he/she will find success at UCM, both academically and athletically.

While the majority of our athletes enjoy a safe and successful career at UCM, as a parent/guardian you must be advised that participation in sports activities carries a risk to the athlete of serious injury, including possible permanent injury or even death. With this in mind, UCM **requires** the athlete and parent/guardian to **complete and sign** all the forms **each year** that they are a member of a UCM athletic team.

If you **do not have** a medical insurance plan for your son/daughter, the University offers a Student Insurance Plan. There is a charge for the insurance plan as well as an additional charge for an athletic rider. An athletic rider **must** be purchased in addition to the basic plan to be covered for participation in intercollegiate athletics. If you choose to purchase the Student Insurance Plan all information is available through the University Health Center at 660-543-4770.

Many insurance companies require policyholders to obtain "guesting privileges" for their dependents while they are "away from home" (i.e. attending school). **Please check directly with your insurance company to determine if your insurance plan requires you to register your son/daughter in one of these "guesting" plans in order for him/her to be eligible to receive medical care from area physicians while he/she is attending UCM. You may also be able to temporarily change your child's Primary Care Physician (PCP) to one of the local doctors here in Warrensburg while they are attending school. Again, you should be able to contact your insurance company for more detailed information about this option.**

UCM carries a major medical insurance plan for intercollegiate athletics participants which provides benefits on a "secondary basis" should your son/daughter sustain injuries during official games and/or supervised practices. UCM's plan will pay any unpaid portion of the medical fees not covered by your insurance, as long as insurance is current and the claim is filed first with your primary insurance company. Your son/daughter must also receive a Treatment Authorization Form from the Athletic Trainer, and our office must receive the pertinent itemized bills (this is automatic with most doctors' offices if the student-athlete presents a Treatment Authorization Form) and related Explanation of Benefits (sometimes insurance will only send this paperwork to you, the policyholder).

Our plan **does not** cover claims for injury or illness for off-campus or on-campus activities **not related to intercollegiate athletics. The costs of medical treatment for these non-athletic related health conditions would be the sole responsibility of the student-athlete and/or the parent/guardian.**

Please complete all forms and return them to me at: University of Central Missouri; Multipurpose Building 203; Warrensburg, MO 64093. Should you have questions, please contact me at 660-543-4310.

Sincerely,

Kathy Anderson
Associate Director for Internal Affairs

- (1) *Student-Athlete Medical Insurance Information Form* certifying that the **student-athlete** has adequate health insurance coverage in effect from the first day of practice and which will be maintained for the duration of his/her athletic career.
Your son/daughter will not be able to engage in practice until the Medical Information Form is completed, signed and submitted to the Athletic Office his/her insurance card.
- (2) *Yearly Medical Appraisal Form*

*******Please bring your current insurance card*******

Three Key Reminders

You are required to have a valid insurance card.

You are required to maintain insurance throughout the academic year while participating in any required team activities.

If you change your insurance you must notify the student-athlete insurance assistant within thirty days.