

Spring 2017

To: Currently enrolled, registered Graduate Center students

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEMPORARY OFF-SITE
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES OPTIONS
April 2, 2017 [extended through December 30, 2017]**

Because the Graduate Center's Wellness Center / Student Health Services Nurse Practitioner will be on medical leave from September 26 through November 5, 2016 **[extended through December]**, "stop-gap" primary medical care services will be made available at selected Institute for Family Health (IFH) clinics to uninsured and under-insured registered Graduate Center students. The funding for this "stop-gap" measure has been made available by the Graduate Center administration; Graduate Center students who do have health insurance can of course also avail themselves of Institute services--but as insured patients--and may be eligible for other programs, including, in some cases, low-cost prescriptions, as applicable. Please read through the following "Q & A.":

WHERE*

Selected clinics (see listing at end of this announcement) of the Institute for Family Health (IFH), whose mission "is to improve access to high quality, patient-centered primary health care targeted to the needs of medically underserved communities." The IFH clinics are public clinics staffed by family physicians, family nurse practitioners, social workers, and other specialists providing a full range of primary care services, including reproductive health care and prenatal care.

WHAT

- a) **Primary medical care services, including ob/gyn services,** provided by nurse practitioners and/or resident physicians. (Please see the rest of this section and the following section, "HOW," below, for specific details of costs). Primary health care services are defined as medically necessary treatment of a medical condition not requiring specialty referral.
- b) For students with health insurance, the clinics will bill the insurance and the insured student will be responsible for paying to the clinic the co-payments charged by the clinics as authorized by the respective insurance plans.
- c) For uninsured students, there will be no co-payment or other charge for the primary medical care visits.

d) Access to very low-cost clinic prescription formularies for students without prescription coverage.

e) “Fast-tracking” at the selected IFH clinics.*

Please take note that fees for lab work will be the responsibility of the student and/or of the student’s health insurance provider, if applicable.

HOW

1. Students will be required to show a **currently validated** Graduate Center I.D. card or present a letter from the Office of the Registrar certifying their current enrollment. (Students may obtain these letters by requesting them in person from the Office of the Registrar, Room 7201, The Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue).
2. The Graduate Center will receive what are called “de-identified” medical bills in order to enable the Graduate Center to be billed for uninsured student visits to the clinics without violating confidentiality.
3. Students who wish their medical records to be released to the GC Wellness Center/ Student Health Services to be kept on file there will need to provide the clinics with a signed consent for release of information specifically requesting this transfer of medical records.

CLINIC LOCATIONS*

The following Institute for Family Health clinic locations will be available for Graduate Center students (please consult the website links below or call the clinic for a particular clinic’s hours). Note that some of the clinics have evening and weekend hours.

Phillips/Sidney Hillman Family Practice

16 East 16th Street

New York, NY 10003

212-206-5200

<http://www.institute.org/health-care/locations/manhattan/>

Amsterdam Center

690 Amsterdam Avenue (at 94th St.)

New York, NY 10025

212-865-4104

<http://www.institute.org/health-care/locations/manhattan/>

Family Health Center of Harlem

1824 Madison Avenue

New York, NY 10035

212-423-4500

<http://www.institute.org/health-care/locations/manhattan/>

Walton Family Health Center
1894 Walton Avenue
Bronx, NY 10453
718-583-3060
<http://www.institute.org/health-care/locations/bronx/>

Mt. Hope Family Practice
130 West Tremont Avenue
Bronx, NY 10453
718-583-9000
<http://www.institute.org/health-care/locations/bronx/>

Stevenson Family Health Center
731 White Plains Road
Bronx, NY 10473
718-589-8775
<http://www.institute.org/health-care/locations/bronx/>

Urban Horizons Family Health Center
50-98 East 168th Street
Bronx, NY 10452
718-293-3980
<http://www.institute.org/health-care/locations/bronx/>

Questions about the short-term services outlined above may be directed to Director of Student Affairs Sharon Lerner at 212-817-7413 / 7400; StudentAffairs@gc.cuny.edu; or to the Graduate Center's Wellness Center/Student Health Services Administrative Coordinator, Ms. Cheri Daniels, at 212-817-7020.

