

Information & Agreement:

Laboratory Testing Fees & DSC Subsidy at the Graduate Center – Wellness Center

Dear Student,

Services at the Student Health Services at the Wellness Center provided by the Nurse Practitioner are free to currently enrolled graduate students of the CUNY Graduate Center. This includes episodic and primary health care but does not include laboratory testing that is done off-site.

Laboratory testing (blood work, urinalysis, etc.) is often an important part of the care we offer students at Student Health Services. These tests help with diagnosing problems, or in evaluating medical concerns that you may have.

The Wellness Center utilizes the laboratory services at Mount Sinai Hospital. The cost of laboratory testing may be covered by insurance if you have it. If you have insurance we will enter your insurance information on the form that we send to the laboratory, and the laboratory will bill your insurance company for the cost of the tests. Further issues concerning costs and billing will be for you, the laboratory, and your insurance company to resolve. The Student Health Services at the Wellness Center will not be further involved in the billing process. We are not able to check whether your insurance policy covers laboratory testing or any specific test. Please note that individual insurance plans may reimburse only for preferred laboratories in their network. Also, some insurance companies may not cover particular tests, or tests performed at out-of-network labs, or may not cover testing at all because coverage is subject to a “deductible.” If you do not know whether your policy covers laboratory testing, you may want to verify this before your appointment or before testing is done.

If you do not have insurance, a portion of the costs of the testing will be covered by a subsidy program. This program has been set up by the Doctoral Students’ Council, in cooperation with the Wellness Center and the laboratory at Mount Sinai. Mount Sinai has agreed to bill for subsidized testing at a substantially lower rate than the normal list price. The Doctoral Students’ Council will cover 70% of the cost of this testing, and you will be responsible for the remaining 30% (see special note below concerning Pap testing).

We receive a detailed bill from Mount Sinai about 6 to 8 weeks after the testing has been processed. At that time, we will send you an invoice for the 30% portion of the costs of your testing, which is your obligation under the subsidy program. The costs to students range from less than \$40 (58% of students) to a maximum of \$90-\$132 (5% of students). 18% of students pay between \$40 and \$60, and 16% pay between \$60 and \$90.

We ask that you indicate, with your signature below, that you have read this document and have had any questions answered by our staff. Your signature also indicates that, if any of your laboratory fees are covered by the DSC subsidy, you agree to be responsible for paying your portion of the laboratory bill when you receive the invoice for these costs from the Wellness Center:

Signature and Date

Witness Signature and Date

If you have any questions about the fee arrangement, please do not hesitate to ask our staff.

Please see note about Pap tests on the reverse side of this page

A Special Note About Pap Tests

Here is some information on billing for Pap tests that may be of use to you:

If you are insured and you receive a bill from Mt. Sinai:

Please flip the bill over; on the back side, complete the top part by entering your insurance information, and then mail back to Mt. Sinai.

NOTE: If you have NYSHIP, your insurance information is as follows

United Health Care Empire Plan

P.O Box 1600 Kingston, NY 12402-1600

877-769-7447

Do not forget to write in your member I.D.

If you do not have insurance and receive a bill from Mt. Sinai for a PAP test, 70% of your cost will be covered by the DSC Subsidy; 30% of the bill will be your responsibility. Please tear off the top part of the bill and mail your 30% of the total bill to Mount Sinai. If you are writing a check or money order, please be sure to write in your account number. Be sure that you submit the bottom portion of the bill to us here at the Wellness Center within 30 days of receipt so we may submit the remainder for coverage by the subsidy. ***Otherwise you will get another bill from Mt. Sinai for an overdue payment.***