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**NEW REGULATIONS FOR AFFORDABLE CARE ACT CREATE INCENTIVES FOR
CAMPUS HEALTH CENTERS AND STUDENTS**

Expanded access to women's preventive health services requires campus healthcare providers to become 'in-network' with health insurance plans

Irving, Texas, September 1, 2011- Since September 23, 2010, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has required health insurance plans to cover most clinical preventive services without patient cost sharing. Effective August 2012, the ACA is now expanding this coverage to include many women's health services. The important caveat: Healthcare providers must be 'in-network' with insurance plans.

The newly included services are commonly performed at campus health centers:

- Well-woman visits
- HPV DNA testing
- STI and HIV screening and counseling
- Contraception and Contraceptive Counseling

Unfortunately for students, the majority of campus healthcare providers are not 'in-network' with health insurance plans. Therefore, if students want to receive this important ACA benefit on campus, campus health centers must become 'in-network' providers.

According to Sheila Dorgan, MSN, FNP, Director of Health Services at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, "Since we're in-network with all the large insurers, our students already have no cost sharing – no co-pays or deductibles – for preventive services. And next year, our students will benefit from the new women's health laws."

Although the women's health regulation starts August 2012, campus health centers must begin the lengthy process of becoming 'in-network' now if they are to provide students with this important benefit.

According to Dorgan, "Since our health center bills health insurance and is 'in-network', UMass Dartmouth students will be able to remain on campus to receive women's healthcare without cost sharing. This keeps our students on campus, which is better for retention."

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