

Student health plan offers added coverage

By Karna Meyer

Good health care at the lowest possible price is the aim of the Student's Health Insurance plan offered through UNL's Student Health Program.

The insurance plan, developed jointly by the ASUN Health Center Board, the Health Center administration and the University administration, covers all health care needs, said Stephen Blom, Health Center administrator.

"Two years ago, a survey of UNL students told us that they wanted a more comprehensive plan," Blom said. "This policy covers all illnesses and injuries. Providing more services keeps us up with the current trend to do things on an out-patient basis rather than on an in-patient basis."

The current policy pays 80 percent of the first \$2,500 of expenses after a \$50 deductible and 100 percent of the expenses above \$2,500 to a maximum of \$25,000 per policy term.

The benefits cover expenses for a semi-private hospital room and board, miscellaneous hospital expenses, physicians' fees, use of an operating room, laboratory services, drugs and medicines while hospitalized and x-rays.

All benefits are based on the usual and customary charges. The policy also includes maternity, mental health and accidental death benefits.

When students use the Health Center, the \$50 deductible is waived and the insurance policy will pay 100 percent of the medical bill.

"What we want is for students to seriously think about their health care needs," Blom said. "It's important because the consequences could be negative. These con-

Sen. Exon to view state economic base

U.S. Sen. J. James Exon will serve as chairman of the 1983 Nebraska Conference on Business and the Economy in the '80s on Sept. 6 at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege streets.

The conference is being coordinated by the Columbia Institute for Political Research, a Washington, D.C.-based research firm. Its purpose is to identify parts of the economy that could strengthen Nebraska businesses and the economic base in the state. National and regionally recognized speakers will discuss current government policies and the impact they are having on business activity in Nebraska.

sequences include financial problems, inappropriateness of health care, and as an extreme, the student may have to drop out of school."

All undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for coverage under the plan, as are dependents of eligible students. Open enrollment for the plan began Aug. 16, and will continue through Oct. 15. Students who were in the plan last year will have continuous coverage if they renew their plan by Sept. 5.

The annual premium option for a student is \$169. Quarterly and semi-annual premium payments can be arranged.

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