Healthcare and Insurance Considerations for Graduating Students

First, here are some answers to some frequently asked questions…

**How long can I be seen at the Health and Counseling Center once I have graduated from DU?**

1. Graduating students who do not participate in the Student Health Insurance Plan can continue to access services at the Health and Counseling Center for 30 days after their graduation date.
2. Graduating students who participate in the Student Health Insurance Plan can continue to access services at the Health and Counseling Center until their insurance coverage expires.
   - For students on the QUARTER system graduating in May who purchased Spring/Summer coverage – insurance will expire on August 31, 2016.
   - For LAW students graduating in May who purchased Spring/Summer coverage – insurance will expire on July 31, 2016.

*Students that are still covered by the Student Health Insurance Plan after they graduate may want to consider purchasing the Health and Counseling Fee for the summer period as well. The Summer Health and Counseling Fee is not automatically assessed to students if they are not signed up for classes so the fee must be paid for in-person at the HCC. Please feel free to contact the HCC if you have any questions about what summer coverage looks like as it can be a bit different from other time periods.*

**How do I locate a new medical facility/provider to transition to after I graduate?**

1. If you will have health insurance after graduation, you will want to contact your insurance company for a list of medical providers that are “in-network” and may be accepting new patients.
2. If you will not have health insurance after graduation, you may want to visit Connect for Health Colorado at [www.connectforhealthco.com](http://www.connectforhealthco.com) to shop around for a plan. If you will not be staying in Colorado you will want to check and see if the state that you will be moving to manages a healthcare exchange site of its own. You can also visit various national healthcare exchange websites such as [www.ObamacareUSA.org](http://www.ObamacareUSA.org) or [www.governmenthealthinsurance.com](http://www.governmenthealthinsurance.com) to shop for a plan in your state.

**How do I go about filling prescriptions after I have graduated?**

1. It is very important to make sure that you have a few refills of your medication left before you graduate and we can no longer see you as a patient. Make sure to schedule a visit with your medical provider prior to graduation to discuss these issues. Once a student has graduated and is no longer eligible for appointments we typically cannot continue to refill prescriptions for students as we are no longer able to monitor their care. If you have any questions about a particular prescription, please feel free to call us (303-871-2205) and ask to speak to a nurse.
How do I obtain a copy of my Medical Records?

1. In order to have your medical records released to yourself or to a different party (such as a new medical provider’s office), you will need to fill out a release of information form. This form can be found on our website here: http://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/aboutus/hipaa.html. Use the form to indicate what information you would like to have released and where you would like to have that information sent to.

Finally, before you graduate, you may wish to schedule one last visit at the Health and Counseling Center so that you can meet with a medical provider to prepare for your transition to life after DU. Your medical provider may wish to review past prescriptions or medical orders with you and answer any questions that you may have about your health before you embark on your future plans.

We have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to care for both your Medical and Mental health needs during your time at DU. Best of luck in your future endeavors and we hope that you find good health and happiness along the way!