Thank you for providing proof of BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) enrolment!

We have updated your account with the information provided. Please carefully review all of the important information below.

Special notice if you have just applied for MSP

- 1. You are NOT eligible for MSP health care coverage while your application is being processed, which typically takes one month.
- 2. If you recently arrived to BC, there is also an MSP coverage wait period before you can be eligible for MSP health care benefits. This consists of the balance of the month in which residence is established (when you arrived in BC), plus two full calendar months.
- 3. To verify when your MSP coverage will actually begin, you need to contact <u>Health Insurance</u> BC
- 4. You need to have temporary private medical insurance until you have received confirmation that your MSP health care benefits have begun. Current BCIT students may purchase Guard.me medical insurance online, or you may use another insurer of your choosing.

Managing your MSP account

MSP is administered by <u>Health Insurance BC</u>. We are here to support you but due to privacy regulations we cannot contact Health Insurance BC on your behalf nor can we access any of your MSP account details.

You can <u>manage your MSP account online</u> and it is important that you keep your personal information such as home address and phone number up to date.

Paying the MSP Health fee

The MSP Health fee for international students of all ages is \$75 per month. Once you are enrolled, Health Insurance BC will send an invoice to you by mail. You are responsible for paying these invoices.

See Question and Answers: Health fee for international students for more information.

Extending your Study Permit or other status in Canada

If your status in Canada changes, you will need to <u>update or confirm your status in Canada with Health Insurance BC</u> in order to extend your MSP coverage.

Examples of when you may need to do this include if you receive:

- a new study permit (including study permit extensions)
- a post-graduation work permit
- permanent residence status
- Canadian citizenship

Questions?

Please see BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) for additional information.

Any questions about your MSP account should be directed to Health Insurance BC.

Cheers,

The BCIT International Student Centre

