

Vision and Dental - BU Students

I. Aetna Info about Student Health

A. *Student Plans*

a. Basic Health Plan

- Basic Plan: Most students will be automatically enrolled in the BASIC plan.
- Annual Cost of BASIC plan is \$1,945.
- **Important:** As of **Fall 2015**, dependent coverage is not available to students enrolled in the BASIC plan.
- **No dental**
- **Vision –routine eye care is not covered but discount program does exist**
 - Call 800-793-8616, you will received an automated voice
 - Give your Aetna ID # located on your card (starts with a W)
 - It gives an option of hearing the discounts on the phone or email.

b. Plus Health Plan

- The annual rate for the PLUS plan is \$2,713.
- Upgrade via Student Link.
- **The final deadline** to upgrade to the Student PLUS plan for the 2015-2016 policy year is September 30, 2015.
- **No dental**
- **Vision – routine eye care is covered**
- Students enrolled in Student PLUS can add their dependents

II. Dental Plan

a. <http://www.bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/resources/dental-care-options-for-bu-students/>

- **Option 1:**
Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine –
Student Discount Program

- **Option 2:**
Aetna Student Health –
Dental Discount Program – Vital Savings on Dental SM*
<https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/students/student-connection.aspx?GroupID=711110>

Click Enroll to buy this plan – it costs \$25 annual but starts in 9/1/2015

- After enrolling, you can find providers through the Aetna website
- Choose the “vital savings” plan in the search
- Might have to pay a lot on co-pay for visits, cleaning, fillings etc.

○ Student Link BU – OPTION 1

- Under “Money Matters”, there is a link for Dental Plan.

- Student Discount Program -
<http://www.bu.edu/dental/patients/sdp/>
- **Attractive features of the program:**
 - A free initial appointment, including screening, X-rays, and a comprehensive oral evaluation to determine your treatment needs.
 - A 10% discount on all other treatments done in our pre-doctoral patient treatment centers, including cleanings, fillings, emergency services, and more!
 - No deductibles, no yearly maximums, and no paperwork to complete after your visit. In addition, GSDM will also work with you in conjunction with any dental insurance you have.
 - All treatments are provided by highly trained dental students under the supervision of licensed dentists.
 - The SDP is available to all undergraduate and graduate, full- and part-time students with a valid student ID.
 - Spouses are also invited to become members when the student enrolls. So whether you are an undergraduate student whose home is in California (or elsewhere in the global community) or a graduate student who works by day and takes classes at night, you are eligible to become a member.
 - **Call at 617-638-4700, press 2; M-F, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also reach the Finance Office by email at dental@bu.edu.**

Appointments

Your First Appointment

To schedule your first appointment, call 617-638-4700 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Appointments are available during weekdays and on designated evenings. The Pre-Doctoral Treatment Center also offers a Saturday Clinic. **For new patients, there is also an Oral Diagnosis Walk-In Service. Please inquire for days and times. Please allow a couple of hours for this first appointment, which includes:**

- registration
- medical and dental history
- preliminary screening
- X-rays (if applicable)
- specialty consultation (if applicable)

Cost of treatment

As your treatment plan is determined, the cost of the procedures will be discussed with you by the student/resident and their supervising faculty member in order to keep an open line of communication regarding the costs you will incur. As you have questions about the costs of

your treatment plan, what is covered by your insurance plan(s), and what the out-of-pocket costs will be, you can always contact our Patient Financial Services department at 617-638-4705.

Sara Elashaal, a student dentist, reached out to us about getting more patients - If any grad student is interested in getting dental care from her, You can email Sara (elashaal@bu.edu) and see if she is able to accommodate you.

III. Other Dental Options:

- a. <http://dental.tufts.edu/patient-care/how-to-become-a-patient/#general>
- b. <http://www.harvarddentalcenter.harvard.edu/asp-html/teaching-practice.html>
- c. <https://www.massdental.org/dentalcenters.aspx>
 - i. This site has a list of places in Boston and outside of Boston that offer reduced price to people with no dental insurance. Call to get prices.

IV. Other Vision Clinics/Centers

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