

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
**EDWARDSVILLE**

September 28, 2015

Dear Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Employee Health Care Provider:

As you may be aware, employees of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) are considered State of Illinois employees, and as such, are covered under State of Illinois medical and dental plans administered by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS). Covered employees are currently paying health insurance premiums via payroll deduction for their insurance and these premiums are being remitted to a state fund established for this purpose. It is our understanding that health insurance claims are not being adjudicated at this time by the state since there is no mechanism in place for CMS to make regular payments to healthcare vendors until a 2016 state budget is passed. **For covered plan participants medical, prescription, dental and vision coverage has not been stopped or reduced in any way. Employees who are otherwise covered under these plans, remain covered.**

The backlog of claims will be addressed and payments released by CMS once a state budget has been approved and appropriate funding is in place. Therefore, we ask for your patience and that you continue to provide our employees with excellent care, not requiring full upfront payment for medical costs that will subsequently be paid by the state. It is our sincere hope that the current state budget impasse will be resolved soon and we appreciate your understanding and willingness to support and assist our employees.

Please feel free to contact our Benefits Department at 618-650-2190 or [benefitshr@siue.edu](mailto:benefitshr@siue.edu) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Sherrie Senkfor  
Director, Office of Human Resources

cc: Summer Murphy, Benefits Manager, Office of Human Resources