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2008-2009 BUDGET INCREASE APPEAL

MEDICAL, DENTAL, PRESCRIPTION, AND EYE CARE EXPENSES

Federal regulations permit the **University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine Office of Student Financial Aid (COM OSFA)** to adjust a student's budget *providing* the COM OSFA adheres to strict guidelines for documenting such adjustments. To request an increase, a student must file this Appeal Form. If this appeal is successful, the student's budget will be increased. This information sheet has been created to assist students. It by no means incorporates all situations or details all documentation the COM OSFA may request. It is merely a guide and is subject to change.

Students who have unusually high medical, dental, prescription, or eye care expenses during the academic year may have their budget increased. Only those procedures that are medically necessary (as determined by a physician) and not covered by insurance will be taken into consideration. **Please Note:** *an increase to a student's budget for any medical related expenses will only increase the student's eligibility for loans----not for grant or scholarship funds.*

Instructions:

Complete this form in its entirety. Indicate which situation applies to you and be sure to include supporting documents (e.g., receipt(s), etc.) if instructed to do so.

Print Name

UIN

E-mail

Medical Expenses

Required documentation A signed letter from the physician indicating that treatment is necessary

- written explanation of benefits from Insurance Provider
- copy of paid receipt(s)

Note: The Appeal Committee reserves the right to deny requests for any cosmetic procedures not authorized by a physician as being medically necessary.

Prescription Expenses

Required documentation A copy of the paid receipt from the Pharmacy that includes:

- date purchased
- prescription name

Note: A letter from the physician may be requested

Dental Expenses

Required documentation A signed letter from the dentist indicating that treatment is necessary

A copy of the paid receipt that includes:

- date of service
- services rendered
- total amount due and amount paid by insurance
- amount paid by student

Note: If services rendered are not clearly indicated or understood, a letter from the dentist may be requested. The Appeal Committee reserves the right to deny requests for any cosmetic procedures not authorized as being medically necessary.

Eye Care Expenses (eyeglasses, contact lenses, eye exam, etc.)

Required documentation A copy of the paid receipt that includes:

- date of service
- services rendered
- total amount due and amount paid by insurance
- amount paid by student

Note: A student can only submit an appeal for one pair of eyeglasses and one pair of contact lenses per academic year. The Appeal Committee reserves the right to deny requests for optional laser eye surgery not authorized by a Specialist as being medically necessary.

A student may use federal funds to cover additional cost of medical, dental, prescription, or eye care expenses. Since appeals to the Student Budget result in increased borrowing limits, it is most important that students who file an appeal are aware of their overall indebtedness and the impact of repayment. COM OSFA encourages students to minimize reliance on loans and to consider the consequences of borrowing by projecting the percentage of expected monthly income that will be devoted to loan repayments. Students should always maintain accurate records of loans received and have a full sense of their current total educational debt. Generally speaking, loan repayments should not exceed 15 percent of net income.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I know I may have to provide further information if necessary. If my financial situation/circumstances changes from what I have reported here, I agree to notify the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Student's Signature

Date

Important Deadline Dates

This appeal and all required documents must be submitted no later than the following:

Fall Semester: November 3, 2008

Spring Semester: April 6, 2009

Summer Semester: June 30, 2009

Contact the College of Medicine Office of Student Financial Aid if there are any questions about *this 08-09 Budget Increase Appeal*.

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