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To the Parent, Guardians and Caregivers of Liberty University Club Sports Athletes,

On behalf of the Athletic Trainers, Administrators, Physicians and Staff, I thank you for entrusting the health and well-being of your son or daughter to us.

The Liberty University Sports Medicine Staff strives to provide the very best in injury care, rehabilitation, health education and prevention services for all our student-athletes. We provide professional, convenient and caring service to each athlete. All student-athletes are eligible to access and utilize our in-house services and parent/guardian/athlete are not charged. To offset the increases in the rising costs of providing health care and operating our services, we have started to utilize Vivature to bill primary insurance carriers for physician prescribed services rendered by our Athletic Trainers. This should facilitate a continuation of improving health care services without putting burden on you or your student-athlete. Again, there will be no out of pocket costs expenses for you to pay as the payment will come directly from your insurance company.

Please note that with the changes in health care legislation, your premiums will not go up due to these types of claims, nor will your student—athlete be negatively impacted. Please note the following important information about charges, health insurance and health insurance information:

We strongly urge you to carry health insurance on your student –athlete, not only for athletic related needs but also general health issue that are not covered by LU Club Sports.

Please be sure we have your updated and most recent insurance information, cards, etc. Your student can sign into our secure electronic medical records system and view and update.

As is true with other healthcare settings, there is a charge for visits to our athletic training rooms and our professional health care providers. However, we accept all health insurance plans and will bill your health insurance carrier directly for services that are covered by your plan. At no time will you or your student be billed for our Sports Medicine Staff services – only your insurance company, as is applicable, will be billed. We will pay any member responsibility related to these charges.

As in the past you will continue to receive separate instructions when your student sustains an athletic injury that requires healthcare from other providers (orthopedics, MRI's x-rays, surgery, therapy, etc.). Separate from the charges for in-house care, Liberty University Club Sports has a separate secondary athletic insurance plan to cover these costs. Likewise, this plan is designed to pay so you don't have any out of pocket costs.

These changes will allow LU Sports Medicine to continue to provide high quality healthcare to all student athletes regardless of their health insurance status or ability to pay. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve your student. As always, feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:awitt@liberty.edu">awitt@liberty.edu</a> if you have any questions.

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