Notice to Students regarding Optional Sickness Health Insurance:

Effective February 1, 2014, SUNY Ulster will no longer be offering optional sickness insurance due to the Affordable Care Act.

**The Affordable Care Act and College Students**

Under the Affordable Care Act, if your parents' health insurance plan covers children, they can now add or keep you on their policy until you turn 26 years old.

**WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU**

Until now, health plans could remove enrolled children usually at age 19, sometimes older for full-time students. Now, most health plans that cover children must make coverage available to children up to age 26. By allowing children to stay on their parents' plan, the Affordable Care Act makes it easier and more affordable for young adults to get health insurance coverage.

Adult children can join or remain on their parents' plan whether or not they are:

- married;
- living with parents;
- in school;
- financially dependent on parents;
- Eligible to enroll in their own employer’s plan, with one temporary exception: Until 2014, "grandfathered" group plans do not have to offer dependent coverage up to age 26 if a young adult is eligible for group coverage outside their parent’s plan.

For more information visit HealthCare.gov

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Information can also be acquired from:

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**The Official Health Plan Marketplace: Shop. Compare. Enroll.**

Access to low-cost, quality health plans for all New Yorkers is here. Welcome to New York State of Health, the official health plan marketplace. Call or go online to find a quality, low-cost health plan that's right for you. You may also qualify for health care coverage from Medicaid or Child Health Plus through the Marketplace. Anyone can apply here. Sign up today for coverage that begins January 1, 2014. For more information please visit New York State of Health or call 1-855-355-5777.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Health Services Office at 845-687-5246 or visit them in Senate 139.