



DC Leading Educators toward Advanced Degrees Grant Program

**Memorandum**

To: DC Leading Educators toward Advanced Degrees (DC LEAD) Scholars

From: Emmett Irby  
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Re: Student Health Premiums

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**Overview**

Southeast Children's Fund (SCF) in partnership with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Division of Early Learning (DEL) is issuing this memorandum to provide key updates on student health premiums that DC LEAD scholars incur while participating in the DC LEAD scholarship program.

**HealthCare4ChildCare**

Under HealthCare4ChildCare, administered by the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority:

- All individuals who work in a DC early learning facility (centers and homes) **who reside in DC** and their dependents, will be able to enroll in a Silver-level health plan for free, regardless of citizenship status.
- All individuals who work in a DC early learning facility (centers and homes) **who do not reside in DC** (e.g., non-residents) will be able to enroll in a Silver-level health plan for free or at reduced premiums provided that the early learning facility elects to participate in the HealthCare4ChildCare program, although their family members will not be able to receive benefits for free. Non-residents are also eligible regardless of citizenship status.
- For questions about HealthCare4ChildCare, please call the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority at (202) 715-7576.

**Student Health Premium**

Since all child care employees in the District are eligible to receive health care insurance coverage through the HealthCare4ChildCare program, the DC LEAD program will no longer cover the cost of student health premium that the DC LEAD scholars incur from the college/university they are attending. All DC LEAD scholars must waive student health premiums unless they are paid out of pocket by the scholar. DC LEAD scholars who do not waive student health premiums from the college/university they are attending are responsible for any cost associated with student health coverage offered by the college/university.

DC LEAD scholars who do not reside in DC and are employed at a DC early learning facility that does not participate in the HealthCare4ChildCare program and do not have health care insurance from their state of residence may contact the DC LEAD team to discuss their options for support, contingent upon funding.

For questions related to this memorandum, please contact the DC LEAD team at [DCLEAD@sechildrensfund.org](mailto:DCLEAD@sechildrensfund.org) or call (202) 561-5500.