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BUDGET

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have been cut from the plan.

"I understand that the governor has to balance the budget but this rational is very flimsy," said Rob Nosse, executive director of OSL.

To qualify for the Oregon Health Plan, people must also qualify for food stamps, which means they have an income below the federal poverty level, Nosse said.

"Being able to purchase a health insurance plan is different than being able to afford it," he said. "If I could afford it, I wouldn't be eligible for the Oregon Health Plan anyway."

The annual cost of student health insurance ranges from \$772 with a \$200 deductible for one student, to \$2,864 for a student with two dependents. Health insurance for international students, which is required by federal law, costs \$692 for one person. This includes the \$200 deductible.

During the 1993-94 school year, 18.5 percent of University students had no health insurance, according to the health center's patient satisfaction survey, Petit said. Fourteen percent had health insurance through the University.

"They're playing with the stereotype that the average college student is 18 to 22 years old, being supported by their parents and healthy," he said. This is true for approximately 60 percent of University students, but the other 40 percent are a diverse group, he said.

"It's just not a true perception but that's the one they're dealing with," he said.

Nosse said that while the University and Oregon State University have good health centers, other schools' centers can't provide the kind of care the Oregon Health Plan provides.

Only two Oregon community colleges have health centers, according to an OSL press release. Most community colleges provide health insurance but coverage varies greatly, Nosse said.

Lesser said the majority of stu-

Policy variety may eliminate student health insurance

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Student health insurance policies may be eliminated in state colleges and universities due to the variety of policies, said Robert Nosse, director of the Oregon Student Lobby.

The methods of administering the policies do not comply with state insurance guidelines because there are separate categories of plans, including those for international students, single students and students with dependents. There are also different policies such as catastrophic and general coverage.

"But it is important, clearly, that the campus is able to provide different plans to meet the needs of students," said Jane Lesser, legislative director for the Oregon Student Lobby.

The insurance division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services is not opposed to statute changes, Lesser said. She added that the division has approved a year-long extension to attempt to pass statutory changes made in the legislature.

Senate Bill 503, which

would make the changes, has been drafted but has not been assigned a hearing.

If passed, the bill would continue universities and colleges to use the blanket insurance status, which would "give us the flexibility to work with the statutes and evolve the best possible programs," said Bob Petit, medical administrator of the University Student Health Center.

Blanket policies are those that provide limited coverage to a select group of people for a limited amount of time, Lesser said.

If it does not pass, the University would be unable to sell the current insurance programs and could change the policies into group ones, resulting in increased coverage and costs.

Another option for students, if the bill doesn't pass, is to obtain a private insurance plan. However, this would be more expensive than the group plan.

Additionally, insurance policies may become mandatory. If this happens, federal financial aid may help cover the costs, Petit said.

dents on the Oregon Health Plan are community college students who tend to have lower incomes.

"These folks [people on the Oregon Health Plan] aren't hanging out at colleges with major health facilities," she said.

When the Oregon Health Plan was formed, the federal government allowed money reserved for Medicaid to go to the Oregon Health Plan instead. The only condition that had to be met was that health care providers must be open 24 hours a day and serve the entire community.

Because the University Student Health Center does not meet these requirements, "we cannot become a provider under the Oregon Health Plan," Petit said.

The waiver of federal participation in Medicaid stipulates that anyone with Medicaid eligibility cannot be removed from the Oregon Health Plan.

Gibson said the Legislature will have to decide how to get around this stipulation when it decides whether to accept the budget. He added that the Legislature is considering further cuts, and if students want more money devoted to the Oregon Health Plan they need to make their voices heard.

"The most effective way to support the health plan and the possible reinstatement of funds to the Oregon Health Plan is to let the legislative representatives from their districts know that it's important to do that," he said.



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