**NEW HEALTH PLAN AVAILABLE**

By Wendy Polks

The new MIT Health Plan, which offers improved medical care to students and employees and their families, will be extended to include medical coverage for dependents. The plan is an experimental one, offered by the medical department in cooperation with Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Applicants to be paid by members of the plan cover many services included in either of the present student plans (Required or optional) or the present employee plan. Among the services participants in the new plan will receive in the manner to receive them will be hospital visits, specialists' services, maternity care including hospitalization, diagnostic tests administered at the Medical Department.

Services excluded from coverage include eyeglasses, contact lenses, cosmetic surgery, and most dental care.

MIT, as an employer, contributes to the cost of its faculty and staff health plans. Students, however, must pay the full cost of medical insurance. The exact amount that must be paid has not yet been decided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield; the present estimate is $53.00 a month for a student and his family, and $22.00 a month for a single.

The deadline for applying for membership is June 1, 1973. Expenses incurred during or after July will be covered for those who applied before the deadline. Applications will be accepted throughout the summer if 175 students have not expressed interest in the program by June. If more students desire membership than can be accommodated, a lottery will be held for the openings.

Although the plan is available to all (except special students), it is aimed chiefly at those who are married. It is especially convenient for those students married to MIT employees, since the $122 they pay for the mandatory health insurance plan can be applied towards the cost of this program.

Because of the significantly greater cost of this new option available to students, it is not expected to be accepted by more students than it can enroll. At present, about 40% of the student body have the optional medical insurance available at the cost of $54 a year, which includes hospital and accident insurance. The required medical fee of $122 annually pays for only one part given in and by the MIT Medical Department.

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