August 1, 2008

Dear Student,

We are writing in regards to a change to the prescription delivery service through Calkins Pharmacy. We understand that this service has been a convenience that has helped both students and providers at the Student Health Center. However, we regret to inform you that we will be terminating this service as of August 15, 2008.

The reason for this change in service is due to the New York State requirement to have a Licensed Pharmacist on staff to dispense the medication. We do not have a Pharmacist on staff and therefore cannot continue our medication delivery program. The costs associated with adding a Pharmacist to the Student Health Center staff would greatly impact your student health fee.

Going forward, this service change will require that all prescriptions written at the Student Health Center must be filled at a retail pharmacy. There are five retail pharmacy chains in Troy, N.Y. One of these pharmacies, Rite-Aid located at 258 Hoosick Street, is within close walking distance from the campus. All of the other pharmacies are also served by the Campus Shuttle Bus or public bus routes.

To ease our patient’s transition to this change in service, we will have maps and shuttle bus information available at the Student Health Center. These materials can also be accessed on-line at www.studenthealth.rpi.edu and www.rpi.edu/dept/parking/shuttle.html.

We want you to know that we are committed to accessible, high quality healthcare for our student population and regret this change in pharmacy services. If you have questions about this issue, please contact the Student Health Center more information.

We truly appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leslie Lawrence, MD
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