New Parent Billing Checklist

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☐ Make sure your student completes the ‘New Student Checklist’.

☐ Complete the FAFSA application for each Academic Year. This is required for Financial Aid awards, including the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship and the Koplick Tuition credit. More information can be found on the website www.fafsa.ed.gov.

☐ Work with your student to submit or complete any outstanding ‘To Do’ items related to his/her financial aid award (see New Student Checklist for more information).

☐ Complete the Health Insurance waiver online if your student is covered under a parent’s qualified health insurance plan. To do so, visit the SPIRE logon page at www.spire.umass.edu and click on the ‘Health Insurance Waiver’ in the lower right corner, then click on the waiver tab. The website will be available in mid-July, the waiver deadline date is the end of the fall add/drop period http://www.umass.edu/registrar/calendars/academic-calendar.

☐ Check your student’s bill online. Students and Authorized Payers are sent an email when bills are available to be viewed online. Fall bills are available in July. More information about Authorized Payers can be viewed on our website at www.umass.edu/bursar under the Parent and Guardians section on the front page.

☐ Sign up for our UPay Payment Plan online in QuikPAY. You may enroll in our monthly installment payment plan (5 installments for a single semester plan) through your Authorized Payer access at: https://quikpayasp.com/umass/bursarbill/authorized.do.

☐ Check the Bursar’s Office website at www.umass.edu/bursar for more information regarding these checklist items and all billing related topics.

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☐ Waive your FERPA restriction to allow our office to discuss your student BILL with your parent(s) or guardian(s). Without this waiver, we cannot discuss any financial matters with anyone other than you.

   To complete this waiver, log in to your SPIRE.

   Navigation: Main Menu→ My Personal Information, then FERPA Privacy Waiver.

   You will assign each parent/guardian a 4 character code which they must provide when contacting the Bursar’s Office. More information about this waiver may be found at www.it.umass.edu/support/spire/set-up-your-ferpa-privacy-waiver.

☐ Designate your parent(s) or guardian(s) as an Authorized Payer. As an Authorized Payer, your designees will be notified each time a billing statement is available online; they can view your current and past billing statements as well as current billing activity, pay your bill online or sign up for the UPay Payment Plan. To designate one or more Authorized Payers, access the QuikPAY online billing system through your SPIRE access:

   Navigation: Main Menu→ Finances View/Pay Bill then Authorize Payers

   Input your Authorized Payer’s email address, and Username for the authorized payer. Then an email is sent with a URL for the authorized payer to create a password.

☐ Enroll in Excess Express, our student refund direct deposit program. If your bill is overpaid, we will issue you a refund electronically to the bank account of your choice. In order to receive a refund, you must enroll in Excess Express.

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☐ Check your bill online. You may view and pay your bill online through your SPIRE account by clicking the View/Pay Bill link on the Student Services Center page.

   Navigation: Main Menu→ Finances→ View & Pay Bill

☐ Complete any outstanding ‘To Do’ items listed on your SPIRE Student Services page. ‘To Do’ items are listed on the right hand side of the page. Information about Financial Aid is available at www.umass.edu/umfa.

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