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*The email from the WIN office advertised the following:*

*Tanana Valley Clinic will be on campus for flu shots on the following days:*

*Tuesday, November 11, 8-11 am, IARC lobby*

*Thursday, November 13, 8-11 am, Wood Center "E"*

*Cost: $20, you will get a receipt to send to your insurance for reimbursement. Your UA Choice Preventive benefit covers immunizations.*

*Having flu shots on campus is great.  How the payment is handled is where my suggestion lies.  The University is self insured.  The question is how much does*

*Blue Cross charge the university to process each claim and to cut a check?  Why*

*not pay TVC directly for those who are covered as opposed to having to pay for*

*the paperwork that it takes to reimburse individuals.*

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Hi Michelle…thanks for taking time to share your thoughts with us. Your point is excellent – this seems like a classic bureaucratic paperwork shuffle. I’m asking HR to respond to this inquiry and tell us why Premera doesn’t just pay TVC directly for the immunizations they gave to University employees/dependants? It may not result in dollar savings, but it would be immensely less hassle than having individuals pay TVC, be issued a receipt, submit a claim to Blue Cross and receive a reimbursement.

Wendy Redman

**FOLLOW-UP:** 1)Beth Behner/Erika Van Flein review/respond to this issue.