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TO: Superintendents of MHSAA Member Schools

FROM: John E. (Jack) Roberts, Executive Director 

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SUBJECT: **New Insurance Benefit**

As you know, MHSAA membership is entirely free of expense to member junior high/middle schools and high schools. There are no membership dues and no MHSAA postseason tournament entry fees.

Among the no-cost-to-schools benefits of MHSAA membership is the Catastrophic Accident Medical Insurance Policy which pays up to \$500,000 for medical expenses left unpaid by other insurance after a deductible of \$25,000 per claim in paid medical expenses has been met. All students enrolled in grades 7 through 12 at MHSAA member schools who are eligible under MHSAA rules and participating in practices or competition in sports under the MHSAA's jurisdiction are covered by this policy for injuries related to their athletic participation.

Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, the Michigan High School Athletic Association is also providing athletic participants at each MHSAA member junior high/middle school and high school with additional insurance that is intended to pay accident medical expense benefits resulting from a suspected concussion. The injury must be sustained while the athlete is participating in an MHSAA covered activity. Policy limit is \$25,000 for each accident. Covered students, sports and situations follow the catastrophic accident medical insurance.

**This new program intends to assure that all eligible student-athletes in MHSAA member schools in grades 7 through 12, male and female, in all levels of all sports under the jurisdiction of the MHSAA, receive prompt and professional attention for head injury events even if the child is uninsured or under-insured. Accident medical deductibles and co-pays left unpaid by other policies are reimbursed under this program to the limits of the policy.**

Regarding the new program, you will find enclosed . . .

- A sample letter for schools to send to each student-athlete's parents or guardians
- Summary of Coverage
- Instructions on "How to File a Claim"
- Incident Report
- Other Insurance Questionnaire

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Enclosures

Electronic Copies to Principals & Athletic Directors