



**Proposal Number:** RWG-16-4

**Title:** AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- MEDICAL AND RELATED EXPENSES AND SERVICES

**Intent:** To specify that an institution, conference or the NCAA may provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.4, as follows:

16.4 Medical Expenses.

~~16.4.1 Permissible. Identified medical expense benefits incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are:~~ **An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete.**

~~(a) Medical insurance;~~

~~(b) Death and dismemberment insurance for travel connected with intercollegiate athletics competition and practice;~~

~~(c) Drug-rehabilitation expenses;~~

~~(d) Counseling expenses related to the treatment of eating disorders;~~

~~(e) Special individual expenses resulting from a permanent disability that precludes further athletics participation. The illness or injury producing the disability must involve a former student athlete or have occurred while the student athlete was enrolled at the institution, or while the prospective student athlete was on an official paid visit to the institution's campus. An institution or outside agency, or both, may raise money through donations, benefits or like activities to assist the student athlete or a prospective student athlete. All funds secured shall be controlled by the institution, and the money shall be used exclusively to meet these expenses;~~

~~(f) Glasses, contact lenses or protective eye wear (e.g., goggles) for student athletes who require visual correction in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics;~~

~~(g) Medical examinations at any time;~~

~~(h) Expenses for medical treatment (including transportation and other related costs). Such expenses may include the cost of traveling to the location of medical treatment or the provision of actual and necessary living expenses for the student athlete to be treated at a site on or off the campus during the summer months while the student athlete is not actually attending classes. Medical documentation shall be available to support the necessity of the treatment at the location in question; and~~

~~(i) Medical expenses (including surgical expenses, medication, rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses and dental expenses).~~

**Source:** NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Working Group on Collegiate Model -- Rules)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2013

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Awards, Benefits and Expenses

**Rationale:** As a result of the Presidential Retreat in August 2011, the Rules Working Group was formed and charged with reviewing current Division I rules with a view toward reducing the volume of unenforceable and inconsequential rules that fail to support the NCAA's enduring values, and emphasizing the most strategically important matters. This



proposal is part of a package recommended by the Rules Working Group designed to accomplish those objectives. This proposal provides institutions, conferences and the NCAA with the flexibility to provide student-athletes with medical and related expenses and services. Such flexibility will protect and enhance the health, safety, and mental and physical well-being of student-athletes.

**Budget Impact:** Will vary from institution to institution.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** None.

**Position Statement(s)**

none

**History**

*Aug 15, 2012:* Submit; Submitted for consideration.

*Jan 19, 2013:* Board of Directors, Sponsored

*Jan 19, 2013:* Board Review, Adopted

*Jan 20, 2013:* Adopted, Override Period; Start of Override Period

*Mar 20, 2013:* Adopted, Override Period; End of Override Period