



Student Health &
Special Risk

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Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)

Frequently Asked Questions



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Getting Started

Where can I learn about the student health insurance plan (SHIP)?

Visit www.gallagherstudent.com/hofstra

Enrolling in My SHIP

Am I eligible for student health insurance?

All full time International students are eligible and are automatically enrolled in the student health insurance plan by the University. Once you meet eligibility for the first 31 days from the effective date of your Plan, you are enrolled for the remainder of the coverage period. Home-study, correspondence and online courses do not fulfill this requirement.

How do I enroll my dependents?

1. Go to www.gallagherstudent.com/hofstra
2. Follow the login Instructions.
3. Click on the “ENROLL” button under “Plan Summary.”
4. Follow the instructions to complete the form to enter and enroll your “dependent spouse/partner” and/or “dependent children.”
5. Enrollment confirmation email will be sent.
6. You will receive an email with a link to submit payment.

You must purchase dependent insurance for the same coverage period as your own coverage; it can't be for a longer or shorter period than your own. For example, if you enroll for fall coverage, your dependents need to be enrolled for fall coverage; you wouldn't be able to enroll them for annual coverage. If you enroll for fall coverage and do not enroll your dependents at that time, you cannot enroll your dependents unless a qualifying event occurs.

Note: If enrolling a dependent for the first time in SHIP, documentation needs to be uploaded at the time of submission. For example, a marriage certificate for a dependent spouse or birth certificate for a dependent child.

Am I eligible to waive?

To be eligible to waive your SHIP, you must be currently enrolled in a health insurance plan that meets your school's waiver requirements.

Waiver requirements include being enrolled in a health insurance plan that is fully compliant with all provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), requires you to have access to providers near campus and coverage for services beyond urgent and emergency services. Therefore, if you are enrolled in an out-of-state HMO, your coverage will likely be limited — or unavailable — outside of your HMO's service area and will not meet your school's waiver requirements. If a claim is submitted before you have an approved waiver, you must stay enrolled in the plan.

How do I waive health insurance coverage?

If you are an international student, you will not be able to waive coverage.

- For more information about the Affordable Care Act, please visit: <https://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/about-the-aca/index.htm>

Once enrolled, can I cancel? Get a refund?

You can request to terminate the remainder of the coverage (and receive a pro-rated premium refund) in the following situations:

1. You are entering the armed forces.
2. You submit a Termination of Coverage form to Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk to cancel your coverage.

To Request Termination of Coverage

1. Go to www.gallagherstudent.com/hofstra.
2. In the "Account Detail" tile under "Plan Summary" click "the Termination of Coverage" link.
3. Complete the termination form, choosing your appropriate termination reason.
4. Some selections, like "alternate coverage," will prompt you to provide alternate insurance information.
5. Submit the form.

If your request is approved, your coverage will terminate at the end of the month during which we received the request. Note: if your health coverage does not meet your school's waiver requirements, you will not be allowed to terminate coverage. Also, the prorated premium refund will be credited to your student account at the end of month.

About My Benefits

How can I get more information about my plan?

Go to <https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com>

Have changes been made to this year's plan?

No changes were made to the plan for the 2023–2024 Policy Year.

Am I still covered if I live off campus? While traveling? When studying abroad?

Yes, your plan covers you wherever you are. If you are enrolled in SHIP and paid the premium, you'll be covered. Your plan also provides you with 24-hour Worldwide Travel Assistance, which includes services ranging from a lost passport to helping with emergency medical assistance or arranging emergency medical evacuation or repatriation of remains. It's important to contact On Call International **1-866-525-1956** or collect **1-603-328-1956** before making arrangements on your own. Otherwise, these services will not be covered.

Other information about seeking medical care abroad:

- Always keep your SHIP ID card with you.
- Save a copy of the plan brochure and/or bookmark your student health website.
- If you get sick while abroad, you will likely need to pay for your care first and then submit bills for reimbursement. Your covered expenses will likely be considered an out-of-network expense.
- Before you submit claims for reimbursement, have the itemized bill(s) translated into English. Also include a letter informing the claims administrator you already paid for the healthcare service and need to be reimbursed.
- Write your name, ID number, address and school name on your bill(s). This will help the claims company process your reimbursement request correctly and promptly.

Am I still covered after I graduate?

You will be covered under your SHIP until the end of the policy period for which you are enrolled in SHIP and have paid your premium. If you enrolled and paid for the fall semester and graduate in December, you will be covered until the end of the fall semester coverage period. If you enrolled and paid for annual or spring/summer coverage and graduate in the spring, you will be covered until the end of the policy year. You won't be able to continue your coverage after your policy terminates.

What other services are available to me through my SHIP?

Coast to Coast Vision™

This is a discount program— not insurance— that will help make vision care more affordable. Students save 10% to 60% off eyeglasses, contact lenses and other retail eyewear items, as well as 10% to 30% off eye examinations at any participating Coast to Coast Vision™ provider and 40% to 50% off the national average on LASIK. For more information, to access your Coast to Coast Vision™ membership card, visit student, or for questions about the discount plan, call 800-252-3059.

UNI-CARE

This is a discount program— not insurance— that will help make dental care more affordable. Students save 10% to 50% on dental care expenses at any participating UNI-CARE dental provider nationwide. For more information, to access your UNI-CARE membership card, visit student, or for questions about the discount plan, call 800-252-3059.

SilverCloud Behavioral Health

SilverCloud Health offers online, self-guided programs designed for young adults to address anxiety, depression, stress, resilience, or insomnia. Based on cognitive behavioral therapy principles, these self-guided programs are available any time, on any device. To start on your path to better managing your well-being, visit <https://gsh.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>

How do I obtain a tax form?

If the federal government requires reporting of health insurance coverage for 2023, tax forms will be mailed to the address on file by either the Insurance Carrier or the Claims Administrator. Please refer to the Important Contact Information Section of this document for further information.

Contact Information

Who do I contact?

See the guide below:

Answer Needed	Who To Contact	Contact Information
Enrollment, coverage, or service concerns ID cards	Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk	500 Victory Road Quincy, MA 02171 Website: www.gallagherstudent.com/hofstra click the 'Help Center' link
Benefits, claims, claims payments incurred & Tax forms	Aetna Student Health	Phone: 1-866-746-6590 Click the "Aetna Member Website" link to login Website: www.aetnastudenthealth.com
Preferred Provider Network	Aetna PPO Network	Website: www.gallagherstudent.com/Hofstra Click on 'Find a Doctor'

Answer Needed	Who To Contact	Contact Information
Participating pharmacies	Aetna Pharmacy Network	Phone: 1-888-792-3862 Website: www.gallagherstudent.com/Hofstra click on 'Pharmacy Program'
Voluntary Dental	Ameritas	Phone: 1-855-672-3232 (refer to website for plan costs)
Gallagher Student Health Complements (SHIP Plan Enhancements)	Coast to Coast Vision (Discount Vision) UNI-CARE (Dental Savings) SilverCloud (Behavioral Health)	Coast to Coast Vision 800-252-3059 www.findbestbenefits.com/student UNI-CARE 800-252-3059 www.findbestbenefits.com/student SilverCloud https://qsh.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/
Worldwide assistance services (medical evacuation and repatriation)	On Call International	Toll-free within the United States: 1-800-850-4556 Collect from outside of the United States: 1-603-328-1713 Website: www.oncallinternational.com
Telehealth services	Teladoc (Aetna)	https://www.teladoc.com/aetna-therapy/