



New England Conservatory

2025–2026

Student Health Insurance Plan

# Frequently Asked Questions



Student Health &  
Special Risk

## Table of Contents

<b>Contact Information .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Who do I contact? .....</i>	<i>2</i>
<b>Getting Started .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Where can I learn about the student health insurance plan (SHIP)? .....</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>Enrolling in My SHIP .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Am I eligible for student health insurance? .....</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>How do I login to enroll or waive (opt out) of SHIP? .....</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>How do I enroll? .....</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>How do I enroll my dependents? .....</i>	<i>4</i>
<b>Waiving (opting out of) SHIP .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Am I eligible to waive? .....</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>How do I waive health insurance coverage? .....</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Can I cancel my waiver form after I've submitted it? .....</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>If I waive, but then lose my coverage, can I enroll in SHIP or enroll my dependents if they lose coverage? .....</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Once enrolled, can I cancel? Get a refund? .....</i>	<i>6</i>
<b>About My Benefits .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>What do my benefits include? .....</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>How can I get more information about my plan? .....</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>How much does my student health insurance cost? .....</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Have changes been made to this year's plan? .....</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Am I still covered if I live off campus? While traveling? When studying abroad? .....</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Am I still covered after I graduate? .....</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>What other services are available to me through my SHIP? .....</i>	<i>9</i>
Complements to Student Health Insurance .....	9
<i>What other insurance products are available to students? .....</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>How do I obtain an ID card? .....</i>	<i>10</i>



## Contact Information

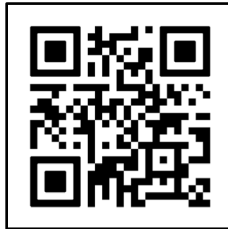
### Who do I contact?

Answer Needed	Who To Contact	Contact Information
Enrollment, Coverage or Service Concerns	Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk	500 Victory Road Quincy, MA 02171 <a href="http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC">www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC</a> ; click "Help Center"
ID Cards, Benefits, Claims, Claims Payments Incurred and Tax Forms	BCBS of Massachusetts	Phone: 1-800-241-0803 Website: <a href="http://www.bluecrossma.com/myblue">www.bluecrossma.com/myblue</a>
Preferred Provider Network	Blue Care Elect PPO	Phone: 1-800-821-1388 Website: <a href="http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC">www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC</a> , click 'Find a Doctor'
Participating Pharmacies	CVS Caremark	Phone: 1-877-817-0477 Website: <a href="http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC">www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC</a> , click 'Pharmacy Program'
Voluntary Dental	Dental Blue	Phone: 1-888-753-6615
Gallagher Student Health Complements (SHIP Plan Enhancements)	Coast to Coast (Discount Vision) UniCare (Discount Dental)  Guided Resources (Behavioral Health)	Coast to Coast Vision UNI-CARE Dental Phone: 1-800-252-3059 <a href="http://Findbestbenefits.com/student">Findbestbenefits.com/student</a>  Guidance Resources Website: <a href="http://guidanceresources.com/members">guidanceresources.com/members</a>
Worldwide Assistance Services (Medical Evacuation and Repatriation)	GeoBlue	<a href="http://www.geobluestudents.com">www.geobluestudents.com</a> Within the United States: Phone: 1-844-268-2686 Email: <a href="mailto:studentinfo@geo-blue.com">studentinfo@geo-blue.com</a> Outside of the United States: Phone: +1-610-263-2847 Email: <a href="mailto:customerservice@geo-blue.com">customerservice@geo-blue.com</a>

## Getting Started

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

Visit [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC). Or scan the QR code below to access the website portal:



## Enrolling in My SHIP

### Am I eligible for student health insurance?

In accordance with state law, all students enrolled in a degree program regardless of the number of credit hours and non-degree students enrolled at least 75% of full-time, are required to have health insurance coverage. Eligible students will be automatically enrolled and billed for the student health insurance plan (SHIP).

Students must actively attend classes for at least the first 31 days after the effective date of the period for which coverage is purchased. Home study, correspondence, and online courses do not fulfill this requirement.

### How do I login to enroll or waive (opt out) of SHIP?

1. Visit [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC).
2. Under "Profile," click "Log In" and enter your school login credentials.

### How do I enroll?

1. Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC).
2. Login under "Profile."
3. Click on the "Enroll" button under "Plan Summary."
4. Complete and submit the form by following the instructions.
5. Enrollment confirmation email will be sent.

## How do I enroll my dependents?

1. Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC).
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.*

## Waiving (opting out of) SHIP

### 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?

1. Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC).
2. Follow the login instructions.
3. Click on the "Waive" button under "Plan Summary."
4. You will need your health insurance information.
5. Follow the instructions to complete the form.

6. A reference number will be emailed upon submission; however, final determination may take 24–48 hours.

**Note:** *Your insurance information is required to complete the waiver form; you do not need to upload documents at the time of initial submission. You will receive an email notification if additional documents are needed.*

### Can I cancel my waiver form after I've submitted it?

Yes, but only if it's before your waiver/enrollment deadline of August 29, 2025.

1. Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC).
2. Follow the login instructions.
3. Navigate to "Account Details."
4. Click "Click Here to Rescind Your Waiver."
5. Click "Rescind My Waiver."

**Note:** *Once waiver is rescinded, this action cannot be reversed. You may not edit your form after August 29, 2025.*

### If I waive, but then lose my coverage, can I enroll in SHIP or enroll my dependents if they lose coverage?

If you waive SHIP and then lose coverage, you can enroll in the plan. Losing coverage is categorized as a Qualifying Life Event. Other Qualifying Life Events include:

- Reaching the age limit of another health insurance plan.
- Involuntary loss of coverage from another health insurance plan.

**You can only add eligible dependent(s) outside of the enrollment period if one of these qualifying events occurs:**

- You get married
- You have a child
- You get divorced
- Your dependent enters the country for the first time
- Your dependent loses coverage under another insurance plan

**To initiate the Qualifying Life Event process:**

1. Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC).
2. Follow the login instructions.

3. Click on "Enroll-Qualifying Life Event."
4. Complete the online form and upload the required supporting document, such as the loss of coverage letter from your prior health insurance company showing your name and the last day of coverage.

**Note:** Read the form carefully as it contains very specific information on the Qualifying Life Event process.

**If your enrollment in SHIP is on a voluntary basis, there is no option for the Qualifying Life Event process if you lose coverage with your current health insurance plan.**

### Once enrolled, can I cancel? Get a refund?

Once you are enrolled in SHIP, you will remain enrolled for that coverage period. However, if you are enrolled in annual coverage, you may only request coverage termination — and a pro-rated premium refund/credit — in the following situations:

- You are entering the armed forces.
- You will not be enrolled at school for the spring semester for any reason. Your status will be confirmed with your school.
- You became eligible and enrolled in a subsidized health insurance plan through the Massachusetts Health Connector or in MassHealth (excluding MassHealth Limited, Health Safety Net or the Children's Medical Security Plan). Your coverage must begin on or before the start of the spring health insurance coverage period (not academic spring semester).

**If you meet any of the criteria outlined above, you may submit a request to terminate coverage. Requests need to be submitted to Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk no later than the last day of fall coverage (January 12, 2026).**

To Terminate Coverage:

1. Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC).
2. Follow the login Instructions.
3. Navigate to "Account Details" under "Plan Summary," click the "Terminate Coverage" link.
4. Complete the termination form, choosing your appropriate termination reason.
5. Some selections, like "alternate coverage," will prompt you to provide alternate insurance information.
6. Submit the form.

## About My Benefits

### What do my benefits include?

Your SHIP is fully compliant with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and all other federal and state mandates. It pays for a wide range of medical services, including hospital room and board, inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures, labs and X-rays, chemotherapy and radiation, inpatient and outpatient mental health services, physician office visits, consultant visits, ambulance, emergency care and prescription drugs. It also covers intercollegiate sports injuries the same as any other injury.

It covers preventive care services at no cost when you use in-network providers. This includes routine physicals and examinations, screenings, GYN examinations and most immunizations.

It pays for 90% of your medical fees when you use in-network providers. This is the advantage to using in-network providers. When you use out-of-network providers the coinsurance is less, which means your potential out-of-pocket costs are more. You will also be responsible for paying any deductibles and applicable office visit and prescription drug copayments.

- It has a \$50 per insured, per policy year deductible for in-network services and a \$250 per insured, per policy year deductible for out-of-network services.
- It has a \$25 copayment for in-network office visits.
- Prescription drugs are covered for a 30-day supply after a:
  - \$15 copay for a tier-1 drug.
  - \$30 copay for a tier-2 drug.
  - \$50 copay for a tier-3 drug.

**Note:** In some cases, prescription drugs may have a supply or quantity limit or require your doctor to get a prior authorization before you can pick-up your prescription. You can see review your plan's pharmacy list or formulary by visiting your school's page at [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC).

### How can I get more information about my plan?

Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC) or scan the QR code below to access the website portal:



You may also go to [www.bluecrossma.com/myblue](http://www.bluecrossma.com/myblue).



## How much does my student health insurance cost?

	Annual (08/15/2025- 08/14/2026)	Spring/Summer (01/13/2026- 08/14/2026)
Enrollment/Waiver Deadline	August 29, 2025	January 12, 2026
<b>Undergraduates</b>		
Student	\$2,528.00	\$1,475.00
Spouse/Domestic Partner	\$2,408.00	\$1,405.00
Each Child	\$2,408.00	\$1,405.00
All Children	\$4,816.00	\$2,809.00
All Dependents	\$7,224.00	\$4,214.00
<b>Graduates</b>		
Student	\$3,042.00	\$1,775.00
Spouse/Domestic Partner	\$2,897.00	\$1,690.00
Each Child	\$2,897.00	\$1,690.00
All Children	\$5,794.00	\$3,380.00
All Dependents	\$8,691.00	\$5,070.00

## Have changes been made to this year's plan?

No changes were made to the plan for the 2025–2026 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 GeoBlue 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?

#### Complements to Student Health Insurance

##### 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.

#### Guidance Resources Program

Access your ComPsych® GuidanceResources® services anytime, anywhere from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Our award-winning portal, GuidanceResources® Online, is your go-to site for expert information and tools on the issues that matter most to you: relationships, work, school, wellness, finance, free time and much more. With 24/7 access, you can get the info you need when and where you need it by visiting [guidanceresources.com/members](https://guidanceresources.com/members).

## What other insurance products are available to students?

The following services are also available to students:

- **Dental Insurance through BCBS of Massachusetts is available** to all students to enroll on a voluntary basis at an additional cost. To enroll in the voluntary dental plan, go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/NEC) and click on the ENROLL button under the “2025-2026 New England Conservatory Student Dental Plan”.
- **Personal property and Renters Insurance** are available to all students on a voluntary basis and covers you while on- or off-campus, at home, or abroad. All of your belongings including cell phones, laptops, clothing, books and much more are protected from accidental damage, theft, fire damage and water damage. For details, go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/property](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/property) to get a quote and enroll.
- **Tuition Refund Insurance** is available to you on a voluntary basis at additional cost and can protect up to 100% of your education investment should a student need to withdraw for illness, injury, mental health disorder or an unexpected circumstance. Please visit [www.gallagherstudent.com](http://www.gallagherstudent.com) for complete details about additional insurance products and how to enroll.

## How do I obtain an ID card?

ID cards are available online through the MyBlue app available in the App Store or Google Play, usually 5-7 business days after your enrollment is processed by BCBS.

1. You'll need your BCBS ID number to create your account (you do not need your social security number.) Your BCBS ID number is available by going to 'Account Details' section on GSH's website and downloading a [verification of coverage letter](#). Look for your insurance ID number starting with XXP. You will need to enter this XXP number in order to create your MyBlue account.
2. Next download the BCBSMA – MyBlue app from the App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded you will create an account.
3. Once your MyBlue account is created, you will need to enter your student ID number to validate your identity. You must enter a 9-digit number. If, for example, your student ID # is 1234567 (only 7 digits long), you will need to enter two preceding zeros and enter 001234567.
4. Once registered log-in to the MyBlue app and click on the Menu icon in the top right-hand corner
5. From the Menu page select My Plan & Claims, then Plans & Benefits, then My Card. Scroll to the bottom where there will be an option to download the card to your phone or have it emailed to you.
6. Should you have any difficulty downloading your ID card, please contact BCBSMA directly at 1-888-753-6615.