



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/Gallaudet](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet)

## Enrolling in My SHIP

### Am I eligible for student health insurance?

All full-time undergraduate, graduate and international students are automatically enrolled in this insurance Plan at registration, unless proof of comparable coverage is furnished. Part-time students and students from

Model Secondary School for the Deaf(MSSD) Students can elect to purchase coverage, but it is not required.

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

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

### How do I enroll or waive?

1. Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet).
2. Login under "Profile."
3. Click on the "ENROLL" button or "WAIVE" button under "Plan Summary."
4. Complete and submit the form by following the instructions.
5. A confirmation email will be sent.
6. Follow the instructions to complete the form.
7. A reference number will be emailed upon submission; however, final determination may take 24–48 hours.

**Note:** Please note your waiver will be verified again on January 2, 2024 to confirm that your coverage will be active for the spring Semester. 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.

## How do I enroll my dependents?

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

## Will you audit or verify my waiver request?

1. Yes, we will audit or verify your waiver request. This is to make sure your insurance plan will cover you when you are at Gallaudet University.

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

Yes, but only if it's before your waiver/enrollment deadline of 9/7/2023.

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

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 9/7/2023*

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

### **Standard (for hard waiver schools):**

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/Gallaudet](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet).
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.*

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

Once you are enrolled in SHIP, you will remain enrolled in the plan for the full coverage period. You have no option to terminate coverage unless you enter the armed forces. In that case we will refund — or your student account will be credited — a pro-rated share of your premium. If you are an international student withdrawing or graduating from your school and returning to your home country, you may qualify for a refund of premium.

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

Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet).

### How much does my student health insurance cost?

See chart below:

	Annual (08/01/2023–07/31/2024)	Spring (01/01/2024–07/31/2024)	Summer (05/01/2024–07/31/2024)
Student	\$3,883.00	\$1,625.00	\$978.00

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

#### Changes made:

Here are the changes made for the 2023–2024 Policy Year:

- The 60 day limit will be removed from the Skilled Nursing Facility benefit and the age limit will be removed from the Sickness Dental Expense benefit.
- Outpatient Mental Health will no longer require Prior Authorization except for Outpatient Surgery.
- Where permitted by state, a Copayment Assistance Program will apply to certain Specialty Prescription Drugs that adjudicate at 30% coinsurance. Copayment Assistance dollars paid by the drug manufacturer for covered Specialty Prescription Drugs will not be applied towards member accumulators.
- Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy will each be limited to 30 visits per plan year (Rehabilitation and Habilitation combined). There will be no pre-certification required for these benefits.
- Acupuncture will be limited to 30 visits per plan year. There will be no pre-certification required.
- Administrative Plan Changes
- Chiropractic will be limited to 30 visits per plan year. There will be no pre-certification required.

### 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 Travel Guard before making arrangements on your own. Otherwise, these services will not be covered.

### How it Works?

All Wellfleet Student Health members may contact Travel Guard when traveling outside of the U.S. and need covered assistance. Student members must provide school name and the nature of the emergency when calling.

U.S & Canada: 877-305-1966 | All Other Locations: 715-295-9311

### Comprehensive Travel Assistance

**Worldwide Travel:** Lost baggage search & replacement assistance, lost or stolen document assistance, legal referrals, bail bond assistance & more

**Medical Assistance:** Evacuation assistance, repatriation, return travel arrangements, provider referrals & more

**Emergency Travel:** Flight & hotel rebooking, rental vehicle booking, missed connections coordination, and more

**Personal Security:** Emergency & security evacuation arrangement, 24/7 access to specialists & more.

### 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?

Beginning in the 2019 tax year, the federal penalty for failing to enroll in health insurance was discontinued. Accordingly, individual tax payers no longer have to report or certify on their federal returns whether they had health insurance during the tax year and do not need this form.\* As a result, Wellfleet Insurance Company will not be mailing the 1095-B form to members as it is no longer needed for federal tax filing. Nonetheless, Wellfleet members who still want a copy of their form can request one by emailing or calling Wellfleet. Please email us at 1095B@wellfleetinsurance.com or call us at 1-800-633-7867, Option 7. The applicable form will be supplied within 30 days of receipt of the request.

\*Important Note for Members Filing State Tax Returns in CA, NJ, MA, RI, VT or DC: Members filing tax returns in these states will be mailed a paper copy of the 1095-B form (1099-HC form in Massachusetts) as proof of insurance coverage. These states may impose a monetary penalty for failing to produce proof of insurance coverage. Members in these states are encouraged to retain a copy of this form for use in filing their state tax returns. Any member seeking an additional copy of the proof of insurance coverage sent to them by mail is welcome to contact Wellfleet at the phone number and email address listed above.



## Contact Information

### Who do I contact?

See the guide below:

Enrollment, coverage, or Verification Letters	<b>Gallagher Student Health &amp; Special Risk</b>	500 Victory Road Quincy, MA 02171 Website: <a href="http://www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet">www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet</a> , click the 'Help Center' link
Benefits, claims, claims payments, and Tax forms	<b>Wellfleet Student</b>	Wellfleet Group, LLC PO Box 15369 Springfield, MA 01115 Phone: 1-877- 657-5030, Email: <a href="https://wellfleetstudent.com/contact/">https://wellfleetstudent.com/contact/</a> Website: <a href="http://www.wellfleetstudent.com">www.wellfleetstudent.com</a>
In-Network providers	<b>Cigna PPO</b>	Phone: 1-800-997-1654 Website: <a href="http://www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet">www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet</a> , click 'Find a Doctor'
In-Network pharmacies	<b>Wellfleet Rx</b>	Phone: 1-877-640-7940 Website: <a href="http://www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet">www.gallagherstudent.com/Gallaudet</a> , click 'Pharmacy Program'
Voluntary Dental and Voluntary Vision	<b>Ameritas Dental and Vision Insurance</b>	Phone: 855-672-3232

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Gallagher Student Health Plan Enhancements	<b>Coast to Coast Vision (Discount Vision)), UNI-CARE (Dental Savings) Silvercloud (Behavioral Health)</b>	Coast to Coast Vision 800-252-3059 <a href="http://findbestbenefits.com/student">findbestbenefits.com/student</a>  UNI-CARE 800-252-3059 <a href="http://findbestbenefits.com/student">findbestbenefits.com/student</a>  Silvercloud Website: <a href="https://gsh.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/">https://gsh.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/</a>
Worldwide assistance services (medical evacuation and repatriation)	<b>Travel Guard</b>	Toll-free within the United States: (877) 305-1966  Collect from outside of the United States: +1 (715) 295-9311
Assistance programs	<b>24/7 Nurse line</b>	Phone: 1-800 634-7629
Telehealth services	<b>CareConnect</b>	Phone: 1-888- 857-5462