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Subject: What you need to know about UGA student health insurance

The following message is being sent on behalf of Human Resources.

To departmental business managers (please forward to others, as needed):

Please read about your important role (#3 below) in the student health insurance process. The remainder of this memo is clarifying information. Please excuse duplicate postings. Contact information is at the bottom of this message.

In an effort to provide the best possible mandatory student health insurance while keeping the rates affordable and staying within the federally mandated Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) guidelines, the University of Georgia's mandatory student health insurance plan is becoming part of the University System of Georgia's student health insurance program. United Healthcare Student Resources will be the vendor for the UGA mandatory student health insurance plan for the 2013-2014 academic year.

#1-Some students mandated to participate

Certain groups of students at UGA are mandated to be covered under the mandatory student health insurance plan. The mandated groups of students are graduate students with qualified graduate assistantships, fellowships, or training grants; international students with a J or F visas; and Doctor of Pharmacy students. These students are automatically enrolled in the mandatory plan. A student can elect to opt-out of the mandatory plan if he/she has other acceptable health insurance coverage by submitting a waiver request during the enrollment/waiver period. **The mandatory plan enrollment/waiver period is July 22 – August 30, 2013.**

#2-UGA HR will send a student eligibility file to the vendor

The university must provide an eligibility file of mandated students to United Healthcare. The initial eligibility file will be sent to United Healthcare before the start of the enrollment/waiver period. Additional files will be sent through the enrollment/waiver period to update United Healthcare's record of eligible-mandated students.

#3-Students must be enrolled to obtain coverage

- In order for a student to be included on the eligibility file, the **student must be enrolled** in classes for fall semester.
- Also, if the student has a graduate assistantship, the **student must be set up on payroll** for fall semester.
- **A student must be on the eligibility file** in order to submit a waiver request or to complete his/her enrollment to receive an insurance card.
- **In order for students to waive coverage or to have access to the insurance to which they are entitled, departments should submit all necessary paperwork and personnel reports for graduate assistants as soon as possible.**

FYI:

Information currently available about the mandatory student health insurance plan is on the Human Resources website at <http://www.hr.uga.edu/mandatory-plan>.

Premium information

Premiums for the mandatory student health insurance plan are based on the age of the covered student. Two age categories exist for the mandatory plan: (a) Age 26 and Under and (b) Age 27 and Older. Premiums, along with the UGA contribution amount can be found at <http://www.hr.uga.edu/mandatory-plan-premiums>.

- Undergraduate international students, international graduate students who do not have a graduate assistantship and Doctor of Pharmacy students will have the full premium charged their student accounts. The charge for student health insurance will be assessed to student accounts after July 1, 2013 for mandated students enrolled in fall semester classes.
- Graduate students with a qualified graduate assistantship, fellowship or training grant will pay for the insurance through payroll deductions. These students are eligible for the UGA contribution towards the premium. Graduate assistants will pay the premium through three payroll deductions. These deductions typically come out of the September, October and November paychecks for fall semester coverage.

We will communicate with you again as more details are finalized. Questions concerning student health insurance should be directed to Human Resources at 706-542-2222 or gshiplan@uga.edu.