



## OFFICE OF STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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### ALL STUDENTS AT UC SAN DIEGO

**SUBJECT:** UC Student Health Insurance Plan - Automatic Enrollment Or Waive By 9/15. What You Need To Know.

Dear Student,

To ensure that all students have adequate health care coverage, including ongoing primary and specialty care, and to satisfy the mandatory health insurance requirement, UC San Diego automatically enrolls all registered students into the UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP) as part of the registration process. Students who are already covered by other insurance may be eligible to apply for a Health Fee Waiver. Those students who do not submit a waiver by the waiver deadline are automatically enrolled in UC SHIP.

The cost for the UC SHIP is \$657 per quarter for undergraduate students or \$1,307 for graduate students. This incredible plan provides generous benefits to covered students such as access to Student Health Services (SHS) with zero out-of-pocket for most services, including primary care visits, routine immunizations and lab tests. For services outside of SHS but within the UC Health System's network of specialists and facilities, there is no annual deductible and the plan offers 90-100% coverage (low copays apply to certain services). For more information about UC SHIP benefits, please visit: <https://www.ucop.edu/ucship/>

#### UC SHIP Health Fee Waiver

Students who are covered by an insurance plan that meets the UC waiver criteria (<https://go.ucsd.edu/2DdlGph>) may apply for the Health Fee Waiver by the waiver deadline. The deadline to waive UC SHIP without a late fee is September 10, 2021, and the late waiver deadline is September 15, 2021 (\$50 late waiver fee applies). Waivers will not be accepted after the late waiver deadline has passed. The online Health Fee Waiver application is available through the TritonLink Toolbox. A few things to note:

- A new Health Fee Waiver must be submitted each new academic year. So even if you waived SHIP last year and your insurance has not changed, you still need to submit a Health Fee Waiver again for 2021-2022.
- The waiver will automatically apply to the full academic year. If your waiver is approved, you do not need to reapply for the waiver during the winter or spring waiver period.
- If you miss the late waiver deadline, your next opportunity to waive will be during the Winter 2022 waiver period.

#### Planning on waiving UC SHIP?

Consider enrolling in our Reduced Access Fee for Tritons (RAFT) for just \$65 per quarter. It is the most cost effective way for students who waive UC SHIP to take advantage of convenient on campus medical care at SHS during the academic year (fall, winter and spring only). All registered students have access to SHS

regardless of whether they have UC SHIP or not, but RAFT gives students who waive UC SHIP the peace of mind that they can be seen at SHS for many of their primary care needs right on campus without the worry of high costs. RAFT includes the following SHS services at low or no additional cost: scheduled visits for illness or injury, urgent care and in-house labs. Students who waive UC SHIP but do not purchase RAFT will be required to pay the full cost of all services at SHS. Enrollment in RAFT is done through the Health Fee Waiver application. Please visit <https://wellness.ucsd.edu/studenthealth/insurance/raft> for more information.

#### How to use UC SHIP

Student Health Services is the student's medical home. A Primary Care Provider (PCP) will be assigned to the student. Students may call (858) 534-3300 to schedule an appointment at SHS. If the student requires care that is not available at SHS, the SHS PCP will provide a referral to a provider within the community. The UC SHIP requires that students begin their medical care at SHS, and that they obtain a referral from SHS (or CAPS) prior to receiving any non-emergency medical care outside of SHS. An electronic insurance card is available for care outside of SHS. Visit our website for details. Visit the SHS website at <https://wellness.ucsd.edu/studenthealth/Pages/default.aspx> for more information about SHS and UC SHIP.

Thank you for choosing UC San Diego. We look forward to helping you achieve your academic and personal goals by keeping you well.

All the best this academic year.

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#### **AY 21/22 Waiver Open Application Acceptance Periods:**

On the Triton Link: <https://students.ucsd.edu/my-tritonlink/tools/index.html>

##### **Fall 2021**

- Opens on Triton Link on 5/3/21
- Last day to file without a late fee is 9/10/21
- Late waiver will be open from 9/11/21 thru 9/15/21 with a \$50 late fee

##### **Winter 2022**

- Opens on Triton Link on 11/15/21
- Last day to file without a late fee is 12/10/21
- Late waiver will be open from 12/11/21 thru 12/15/21 with a \$50 late fee

##### **Spring 2022**

- Opens on Triton Link on 2/14/22
- Last day to file without a late fee is 3/13/22
- Late waiver will be open from 3/14/22 thru 3/17/22 with a \$50 late fee