University of South Florida
GA/TA/RA Students, Department Sponsored Students & Post-Doctoral Scholars
2019-2020 Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)
Frequently Asked Questions
“How do I…?”

Log in
2. On the top right corner of the screen, click “Student Login”.
3. Follow the login instructions.

Enroll
(For GA/TA/RA)
2. On the left toolbar, click “Student Enroll”.
3. Log in (if you haven’t already) by following the instructions on the website.
4. Answer the qualifying questions to be directed to the appropriate enrollment form.
5. Follow the instructions to complete the form.
6. Save a copy of your reference number.

Enroll
(For Department Payees)
Department Sponsored Payee Insurance enrollment is conducted through Student Health Services at www.shs.usf.edu/insurance/sponsored.aspx. Please contact your Department Coordinator with any questions.

Enroll
(For Post-Doctoral Scholars)
2. On the left toolbar, click ‘Postdoc Enroll’.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the form.

Enroll my dependents
Students must enroll their eligible dependents at the same time they complete their own online enrollment form.

Obtain an ID card
ID cards are usually available 5-7 business days after your eligibility is confirmed.
2. If you have created a UHCSR Account in the past, log in.
3. If you have not created a UHCSR Account, Click “Create Account”.
4. Complete the registration form using your name, date of birth, and student ID number.
5. Once logged in, you will have access to ID cards, Claim information, EOBs and other plan-related information.

Obtain a tax form
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If the federal government requires reporting of health insurance coverage for 2019, 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.

**Print a Verification Letter**
Verification Letters are usually available 5-7 business days after your eligibility is confirmed.
2. On the left toolbar, click “Account Home”.
3. Log in by following the instructions on the website (if you haven’t already).
4. On the left toolbar, under “My Account”, click on “Authorize Account.”
5. Enter your Student ID number and your date of birth.
6. Click on “Authorize Account.”
7. You will be redirected to the “Account Home” page, then click on “Verification Letter” under “Coverage History.”

**View my account information**
2. Log in by following the instructions on the website (if you haven’t already).
3. On the left toolbar, under “My Account,” click on “Authorize Account”.
4. Enter your Student ID number and your date of birth.
5. Click on “Authorize Account”.
6. You will be redirected to the “Account Home” page where you can see your current coverage, claims ID number (if applicable), and contact information.

**Change my address**
2. On the left toolbar, click “Customer Service”.
3. Under the “Choose Help Topic” dropdown, select “Address Change”.
4. Complete the required fields.
5. Click “Submit”.

Make sure you also notify your school of your address change.

**Find a Doctor**
Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/usf](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/usf) and click on “Find a Doctor”.

**Find a Participating Pharmacy**
Go to [www.gallagherstudent.com/usf](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/usf) and click on “Pharmacy Program”.

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Insurance Plan Benefits

What benefits does your SHIP provide?
Your SHIP is fully compliant with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and all other federal and state mandates. It pays for a variety 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 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 generally pays for 80% 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 insurance company pays less which means your potential out-of-pocket costs are more. There may be copayments and deductibles you’ll be responsible for paying regardless of provider network.

Need more information about your plan?
Go to www.gallagherstudent.com/usf.

What changes have been made to the Plan for the 2019-2020 Policy Year?

- The Deductibles have changed from $100 (For Each Injury or Sickness) In-Network & $400 (For Each Injury or Sickness)/(4 Deductibles maximum Per Policy Year) Out-of-Network to $400 In-Network per Insured and $650 Out-of-Network per Insured per Policy Year
- The Prescription Drug Copays have changed from $20 for Tier 1, $35 for Tier 2, $50 for Tier 3 to $15 for Tier 1, $50 for Tier 2 & $100 for Tier 3 In-Network and from 70% of Usual and Customary Charges after a $20 Copay for Generic Drugs and 70% of Usual & Customary Charges after a $35 Copay for Brand-Name Drugs Out-of-Network to 50% of Usual & Customary Charges for Generic Drugs and 50% of Usual & Customary Charges for Brand-Name Drugs.
- The Out-of-Pocket Maximum has changed from $6,300 per Individual & $12,700 per Family In-Network to $7,500 per Individual & $14,000 per Family and from $12,700 per Individual & $24,400 per Family to $15,000 per Individual & $30,000 per Family Out-of-Network.

Other features of your SHIP:
- It has a $400 per insured, per policy year deductible for in-network medical services.
- It has a $650 per insured, per policy year deductible for out-of-network medical services
- For prescription drugs from participating pharmacies, you will pay:
  - a $15 copay for a 31-day supply of a Tier-1 drug,
  - a $50 copay for a 31-day supply of a Tier-2 drug,
  - a $100 copay for a 31-day supply of a Tier-3 drug.
- Note: in some cases, your doctor must get permission from the insurance company before prescribing a drug. You can see which drugs require preapproval by visiting your school’s page at www.gallagherstudent.com.

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**Does your plan include dental and/or vision benefits?**
If you’re 18 or younger, you can get preventive dental and vision benefits with this plan. The same holds true for your enrolled eligible dependents as long as they are 18 or younger. For details, refer to your SHIP brochure or certificate.

**More information about your dental and vision options**
To enroll in a voluntary dental plan or vision plan (additional cost), go to www.gallagherstudent.com/dental or www.gallagherstudent.com/vision. The types of plans and availability of plans vary by state.

**How much does the SHIP cost?**

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Please Note: All Graduate/Research/Teaching Assistants in good standing (including taking the required number of credit hours and maintaining the required GPA in your academic program) with a job code of 9181, 9182, 9183, 9184, 9185, or 9550 and an appointment of at least 0.25 FTE (10 work hours per week) are eligible for the USF GA Health Insurance Subsidy which pays up to $2,504 of the student annual premium. You will be responsible for the difference in the premium (student annual $159). You must maintain eligibility throughout each semester for which you are enrolled to receive the full subsidy for that semester and enroll online during Open Enrollment. If you miss Open Enrollment, you will have to wait until the next Open Enrollment period the following semester, to receive the Subsidy.

**I am a GA/TA/RA, how will I pay my portion of the premium?**
Your premium will be deducted from your paycheck on the same schedule as the subsidy payments. Therefore, you will make four (4) payments during the fall and spring semesters for annual coverage. Visit the Division of Human Resources website at https://www.usf.edu/hr/benefits/insurance/graduate-assistants.aspx for the current subsidy schedule and deduction amounts.

**Do I need a referral from my school’s Health Services to see an off-campus health provider?**
No, you don’t need a referral. However, seeking care or advice first from Health Services is a good idea, since they can connect you with valuable on-campus services or refer you to providers they know off-campus. For more information, visit your school’s Health Services website http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-health-services/

**Am I still covered if I live off campus or I’m traveling or studying abroad?**
Yes, your plan covers you wherever you are - during semester breaks and summer vacation. This is true even if you’re traveling or studying abroad. As long as you’re enrolled in SHIP and you paid your premiums, you’ll be covered.

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Please note: If you are an international student, you will not be covered while you are in your home country.

**More information about off-campus, travel and study abroad**

In addition to being covered for medical treatment and services, your plan also offers 24-hour Worldwide Travel Assistance which includes services ranging from a lost passport to helping with emergency medical assistance or arranging for emergency medical evacuation or repatriation of remains. It’s important to contact UnitedHealthcare Global to make the arrangements for you, so contact them before making arrangements on your own. If you don’t contact them first, 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 need 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 are on your bill(s). This will help the claims company process your reimbursement request correctly and promptly.

**Does my plan still cover me after I graduate?**

Yes. You will be covered under your SHIP until the end of the policy period for which you are enrolled and have paid your premium. 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. A continuation plan might be available. Please go to the ‘Forms and Applications’ section of our website for more information.

**Eligibility, Enrollment & Waiving**

**Am I eligible for student health insurance?**

Graduate/Research/Teaching Assistants, Department Payees, and Post-Doctoral Scholars & Fellows are eligible to enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan. Credit hour requirements can be met by a combination of online and on campus credit hours, not exceeding 50% online.

You must actively attend classes for at least the first 31 days after your policy begins. Home-study, correspondence, and online courses do not fulfill this requirement.

**Can I enroll my eligible dependents?**

Yes, you can enroll your eligible dependent(s) at the same time as your own initial plan enrollment by following the steps described in the ‘How do I…?’ section of this document.

Note: You must purchase dependent insurance for the same time period as your own coverage. It can’t be for a longer or shorter period than your own. For example, if you enroll for annual coverage, you can’t limit your dependent’s insurance to only the spring semester unless a qualifying event occurs.
Qualifying events for enrolling your dependents
You can add eligible dependent(s) 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

In such cases, you must submit a Dependent Petition to Add Form, supporting documentation, and payment to Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk within 31 days of the event. If approved, your coverage will start on the date of the qualifying event. Requests received after 31 days will not be processed.

Note: Your premium is prorated. Once your dependent is enrolled, you can’t terminate coverage unless you lose your Student Health Insurance eligibility.

What do you mean by “comparable coverage”?  
If you decide to opt out of your SHIP, you must be insured by a plan that provides comparable coverage. This means it must comply with the ACA and meet or exceed the benefits provided through the SHIP. Your plan must have participating providers and cover a range of services in and around the geographic area where you attend school. Services should include, but aren’t limited to:

- Preventive and non-urgent care
- Emergency care
- Surgical care
- Inpatient and outpatient hospitalization
- Lab work
- Diagnostic x-rays
- Physical therapy
- Chiropractic care
- Prescription drugs
- Mental health and substance abuse treatment

More information about “comparable coverage”
If your current plan is an HMO, your coverage will likely be limited—or not available—outside of your HMO’s service area. As a result, it probably won’t be considered a "comparable" plan.

Confused about waiving your SHIP coverage? Before deciding what to do, compare your current health insurance plan to your SHIP coverage. Consider your possible out-of-pocket costs – deductibles, copays, coinsurance and out-of-pocket maximums. You may find your current plan’s out-of-pocket costs to be higher than what you’ll pay for SHIP. Moving to your SHIP may well be financially beneficial.

Non-comparable health plans include:
How do recent changes to the Affordable Care Act affect my SHIP?
Your SHIP fully complies with the ACA. Being ACA compliant means your plan offers essential health benefits which include certain preventive services such as annual physical and gynecology exams and some immunizations. It also covers pre-existing conditions without any waiting period.

There is no longer a federal tax penalty for not having health insurance, but the mandate to have health insurance remains. There are some states that have kept a state tax penalty for not having health insurance as well as having additional insurance requirements.

If you are under the age of 26, you may be eligible to enroll as a dependent on your family’s employer/group health insurance plan. Contact that plan for more information.

Once I’m enrolled in the SHIP, can I cancel it? Can I get a refund?

Once you’re enrolled in SHIP, you will remain enrolled in it for that coverage period. You have no option to terminate it unless you enter the armed forces. In that case, we will refund a pro-rated share of your premium.

Plan Enhancements

How to enhance your Student Health Insurance Plan
You can enhance your SHIP by accessing several products available exclusively from Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk. They include:

- EyeMed Vision Care Program—allows you to receive discounted services at participating EyeMed providers.

Gallagher Student Health now gives you access to SilverCloud, an online behavioral health platform that provides behavioral health care and support for enrolled students. The platform delivers clinically proven, evidenced-based content, programs, and support for depression, anxiety, and stress. To learn more about your plan enhancements, visit www.gallagherstudent.com. Select your school’s page and then click on the “Discounts and Wellness” link.

What other types of insurance are available?
Personal property and renters Insurance is available to students on- or off-campus, at home, or abroad. It covers damage or theft to laptops, cell phones, books, electronics, and much more. For details, go to www.gallagherstudent.com/property.
“How do I…?”

Please visit [www.gallagherstudent.com](http://www.gallagherstudent.com), select your school's page, and click on the “Other Insurance Products” link for complete details about additional insurance products and how to enroll.
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