

Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee (SHIAC)
December 2, 2016, 9-10am
Administration Conference Room, 3rd floor, Tang Center

NOTES

Italics = from UHS

1) Welcome

2) Claims and Enrollment Data

- ❑ Members given claims and enrollment data.
- ❑ Action item UHS: Ask Medical Director if we can add a flowchart/decision tree based on what type of issue you have after hours and where you should seek care.
- Question: What happens when Alta Bates closes?
 - *A: We will be continuing this conversation in the spring. Closest hospital is Highland, which is not in network because it's a county hospital.*

3) Plan Changes for Next Year

- Feedback from online survey (12n):
 - Affordability
 - Reduce or eliminate co-pays (UHS asked if this is really about co-pays or more about co-insurance?) - comparing to MediCal which has no-copays
 - More mental health services on campus, and more with Tang counseling
 - *UHS: This is not specific to SHIP...*
 - Yearly physical/health screenings covered for free
 - Increase vision/dry eye care (1)
 - Increase dental (1)
- We would like to add fertility preservation benefits (Tang Center staff suggestion)
- Reduce pharmacy co-pay at Tang - Tang Center staff are looking into this
- Concerns about premium affordability
- Dependent plan pricing - too much for children; can find cheaper options on the marketplace. And why does it cost so much for graduate student children?
 - *Legally for student health insurance plans, we have to offer price parity (the same price) for dependents as we do for the student enrolled, so can't lower costs for children enrolled in the plan.*
- *UHS is going to eliminate the free insurance helpline option for now because it's not meeting students' needs.*
- *UHS will be putting out a statement in early Spring about ACA.*

4) Spring Waiver/Voluntary Plan Enrollment Opening

- *Began yesterday, Dec 1.*
- *See [Spring SHIP waiver info](#) (all students received email between 11/30-12/1)*
- *Reference 11/18 SHIAC email:*
 - *Please help us spread the word about Spring SHIP voluntary plans (dependent and after graduation plans) - see our [Google sharing document with verbiage and links to fliers](#).*
 - *We also have our [SHIP break tips online](#). We'll be sharing via social media and our Be Well Buzz finals eNews issue, but please also share with your communities as relevant.*