Important SHIP Dates

Fall 2018

May 1st: SHIP waiver for Fall 2018 opens
July 15: SHIP waiver due without $75 late fee
July 31: Last day to waive SHIP with $75 late fee
Aug 1st: SHIP coverage for Fall 2018 begins
Dec 31: SHIP coverage for Fall 2018 ends

Tips for SHIP

LOCAL PROVIDER
Make sure you have a local provider. Many waivers are denied because students do not have a local provider within 50 miles of campus. If you are on Medi-Cal, start early. Switching counties is a lengthy process.

FINANCIAL AID
It is possible for financial aid to cover SHIP. Waiving out of SHIP does not guarantee “more financial aid.” The budget used to determine a student’s financial aid package adjusts based on whether or not a student waives SHIP.

INTERNATIONAL
Most international health insurance plans fail to meet the SHIP waiver criteria. Even if they are advertised to do so. Compare your insurance plan details with the SHIP criteria instead of relying on external parties’ claims.

APPEALS
If your waiver application is denied, you have 10 business days to appeal via the eTang portal. Before you appeal, compare your insurance plan details with the SHIP waiver criteria to identify the reason for denial.

AUDITS
SHIP audits 25% of waiver applicants to ensure adequate health insurance, and ALWAYS audits the following: international students, students on Medi-Cal or in Health Maintenance Organizations plans, and all appeals.

SPRING SEMESTER
If you waive out of SHIP for Fall, it applies to Spring and Summer. If you waived and wish to re-enroll, you can submit a waiver reversal via eTang. If your Fall waiver was denied, you can submit a new waiver in the Spring.

PRESCRIPTION CO-PAY
Starting this Fall, pharmacy co-pays will increase but discounted co-pays will be available at the Tang pharmacy, including free generics.

Have more questions?

Student Health Insurance Office
This office specializes in SHIP benefits, referrals, waivers, and claims/billing issues with health providers.
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https://uhs.berkeley.edu/ship

ASUC Student Advocate’s Office
A student-run office that provides free and confidential advice and representation to students who are experiencing issues or conflicts with the university
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