To: UGA Students interested in student health insurance
From: UGA Human Resources
Date: July 2, 2018
RE: 2018-2019 Student Health Insurance and Preliminary Information

Certain groups of UGA students are required to have health insurance coverage. These include International students holding “F” or “J” visa status, students whose program requires health insurance (currently, only Doctor of Pharmacy students), and graduate students receiving qualified graduate assistantships, fellowships, or training grants. UGA provides a student health insurance plan to assist these students in meeting this requirement.

In addition, all eligible UGA students have the option of enrolling in the student health insurance plan for their health insurance needs.

The University System of Georgia (USG) has recently completed negotiations with United Healthcare Student Resources (UHCSR) for the student health insurance plan for the 2018-2019 policy year. While the fall enrollment period for these plans will not begin for several weeks, we wanted to provide you with the premium rates for your information and planning purposes.

While the USG was able to negotiate the best overall premium plan for covering its students, the premiums for spouses and dependent children increased significantly for the 2018-2019 plan year due to the increased number of submitted claims this past year.

The USG would encourage families concerned about the increase to the spouse and dependent pricing on the plan to explore alternative coverage options available to them via the individual health insurance Marketplace (www.healthcare.gov) or through employer plans for which they may be eligible.

To review specific 2018-2019 premium details based on your student status and coverage needs, please see the links below.

International (F or J Visa) Undergraduate/Graduate Students without an assistantship/Doctor of Pharmacy Students:

- Student-only coverage
- Student plus the option to add a spouse
- Student plus the option to add one or more children
- Student plus the option to add a spouse plus one or more children

Graduate Students with a Qualified Graduate Assistantship, Graduate Fellowship or Graduate Training Grant:

- Student-only coverage
• **Student plus the option to add a spouse**
• **Student plus the option to add one or more children**
• **Student plus the option to add a spouse plus one or more children**

Undergraduate and Graduate Students who are not represented in the above categories but who may wish to purchase health insurance through United HealthCare:

• **Student-only coverage**
• **Student plus the option to add a spouse**
• **Student plus the option to add one or more children**
• **Student plus the option to add a spouse plus one or more children**

Based on the information provided by UHCSR and USG, UGA Human Resources is projecting that the fall enrollment and waiver period will open around July 23, 2018. When UGA receives updated materials from United Healthcare, we will send a follow-up memo to communicate the exact dates for the enrollment and waiver period.

For those that are interested in vision insurance, you can find 2018-2019 premium information here: [2018-2019 Vision Rates](#)

If you have any questions regarding the student health insurance plan or the student vision insurance plan, please contact UGA Human Resources at 706-542-2222 or [gshiplan@uga.edu](mailto:gshiplan@uga.edu). UGA Human Resources benefits counselors also will be available to answer your questions and discuss alternative coverage options available to students and their families via the individual health insurance Marketplace (www.healthcare.gov) or through employer plans for which they may be eligible.