
Student Insurance

Domestic Students

Domestic students who already have major medical insurance coverage may apply for a waiver with United Healthcare. A waiver must be submitted for each semester you are enrolled. To submit a waiver request, please visit <https://studentcenter.uhcsr.com/columbusstate> and click on the link for the Columbus State University Waiver Form. You will be prompted for your date of birth and student ID. Once you submit that information, you will have to provide information regarding your current insurance coverage. If you are unsure of the answer to one of the first four questions, please answer YES and United Healthcare will verify your coverage. For **Spring 2026**, waivers can be requested starting November 15, 2025. The **deadline to submit your waiver** is January 16, 2026. Please allow 7 business days for approved waivers to appear on the student account.

If you do not have existing insurance and will keep the coverage with United Healthcare, please visit <https://studentcenter.uhcsr.com/columbusstate> and click on the Enrollment Form link. This will allow you to print an insurance card, verify your benefits, and check on the status of claims.

International Students

International students will automatically be enrolled in Health Insurance. This is required by the Board of Regents. Please contact the [Center for Global Engagement](#) for more information.

Mandatory Health Insurance

The university System of Georgia requires **only certain students** to carry a minimum level of insurance coverage. Students in this group include international students with **an F-1 or J-1 visa, graduate assistants, and student athletes**.

Voluntary Health Insurance

Students enrolled at Columbus State University are eligible for voluntary health insurance. Visit United Healthcare's [Student Resources](#) for more information.

2025–2026 Student Health Insurance Program Plan

Every year, the University System of Georgia works to obtain the most competitive rates and most valuable benefits for this plan. COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of the SHIP plan as a valuable healthcare benefit and has contributed to a high level of claims activity which necessitated the adjustments outlined below. The Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee was instrumental in making recommendations regarding the plan premiums and benefits this year and will continue to meet to make recommendations after review in future years.

[USG SHIP Plan Benefits Highlights and Plan Premiums](#)

For questions, please contact sfs@columbusstate.edu.