2019-2020
Student Health Plan (SHP)

Cornell’s Student Health Plan (SHP) provides platinum-level health insurance coverage to Cornell undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, and their dependents.

Administered by Aetna Student Health, SHP was developed specifically for Cornellians to provide access to convenient and comprehensive care on Cornell’s Ithaca campus, and anywhere else in the United States and abroad.

Coverage dates & rates

Annual: August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020
- Student: $3,108
- Spouse / Domestic Partner: $3,108
- One Child: $3,108
- Two or More Children: $6,216

Spring semester: January 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020
- Student: $1,813
- Spouse / Domestic Partner: $1,813
- One Child: $1,813
- Two or More Children: $3,626

Summer only: Options vary. Please visit our website.

Enrollment

Full-time registered students are automatically enrolled in SHP each year to ensure they have insurance that meets Cornell’s requirements. (Eligible domestic students may choose to waive their enrollment.)

Summer students and part-time students may be eligible to enroll in SHP. International summer students are required to enroll.

Students with dependents may enroll spouses, domestic partners, and children. Visit studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu for details.

Copays and coverage

When using Aetna participating (“in network”) providers or facilities, SHP members typically have the following copays / coinsurance:
- $25 copay for routine medical visits
  ($10 copay at Cornell Health in Ithaca; see page 2)
- $10 copay for mental health visits
- $12 copay for generic prescription medications
  ($40-$60 copay for brand & specialty drugs)
- $50 copay for urgent care visits
- $100 copay for emergency room visits (any hospital)
- No copay for ambulance transports
- 10% coinsurance for tests, procedures, & hospital stays

Cornell’s Student Health Plan (SHP) ...  
- Provides extensive coverage at a reasonable cost for most on- or off-campus health care.
- Provides coverage 24 hours a day, anywhere in the world.
- For students in Ithaca, provides coordination of services by Cornell Health staff and a provider network that includes the local hospital.
- Covers pre-existing health conditions.
- Guards against catastrophic expenses.
- Continues coverage for students taking a leave of absence or registered in absentia.
- Meets or exceeds all F-1 and J-1 Visa Requirements.
- Meets or exceeds all Federal, State, and American College Health Association standards for health insurance.
- Exceeds the requirements of the U.S. Affordable Care Act (health care reform law).
- Includes worldwide emergency travel assistance and air transportation services.
- Offers optional dental and vision plans.
- Provides convenient assistance with enrollment and claims submission through the Cornell University Office of Student Health Benefits.

Plan details are reviewed and recommended each year by Cornell’s Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee, a group of student representatives, university administrators, and health services staff.

Plan member essentials

Available at studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu:
- Download and print your SHP ID card and keep it with you at all times.
- Print a copy of your Summary of Benefits and Coverage for the most vital information about using SHP. Refer to your Certificate of Coverage for complete plan details.

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Using SHP

Using SHP at Cornell Health (Ithaca)

SHP members in Ithaca (including those visiting Ithaca) can access nearly all medical and mental health services at Cornell Health for a $10 visit copay. There is a $12 copay for most prescriptions at the Cornell Health pharmacy. Visit health.cornell.edu/costs for details.

Note: Cornell Health provides medical and mental health care for adults only. Mental health services are only available for students (not spouses/partners).

Using SHP anywhere in the U.S.

When seeking medical or mental health care anywhere in the United States, plan members get the best coverage when using Aetna participating (“in network”) providers. See copays and coverage details on page 1.

Finding participating providers:

• Visit studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu.
• Click on the “DocFind” link under “For Plan Members” on the homepage.
• Enter the the zip code for where you want to receive care.
• When prompted, select “Student Health Medical Plans / Open Choice PPO” as the plan type.

Please note:

• Non-participating providers are also covered, usually with a $400 plan year deductible and then a 30% co-insurance.
• Referrals are not required to see specialty care providers.

Using SHP outside the U.S.

SHP provides high-quality health insurance coverage anywhere in the world.

When traveling abroad, you can see any health care provider you wish, and your claims will be reimbursed at the participating provider level. With most international health claims, you’ll need to pay for services at the time of care and then submit receipts to Aetna for reimbursement. We can help you with this process; please contact us for assistance.

SHP also includes 24/7 travel assistance for those traveling outside of their home country. Learn more at global.cornell.edu/travel/247-travel-assistance, and refer to your Certificate of Coverage for details.

Contact information

Please contact us if we can be of assistance. We’re here to help!

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110 Ho Plaza
Ithaca, NY 14853
Phone: 607.255.6363
Email: studentbenefits@cornell.edu
Web: studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu

Cornell’s Student Health Plan is administered by Aetna Student Health. Please refer to the Cornell University Student Health Plan Certificate of Coverage for complete plan details. The Certificate of Coverage can be found by visiting studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu. If you have specific questions about SHP coverage, please contact Aetna Student Health at 800.859.8475.

SHP provides unlimited coverage each year. Participating providers are independent contractors and are not agents of Aetna Student Health. Provider participation may change without notice. Aetna Student Health does not provide care or guarantee access to health services.