

Dual Degree Students

Important Student Health Service and Insurance Information

If you are a dual-degree student (for example, MD-MBA or SPH-SIPA), and are transferring campuses for the upcoming academic year, there is important Student Health Service and Student Health Insurance information that you should be aware of to avoid a gap in your insurance coverage.

1. The campus where you register during the fall term determines which Student Health Service and Aetna Student Health Insurance Plan will cover you for the entire academic year (even if you take classes on a different campus during the spring term).
2. If you are moving from Columbia University Medical Center to the Morningside Campus for the Fall semester, **there is a gap between the two policy years.** The CUMC insurance plan terminates on August 16th, and the Morningside plan does not begin until September 1st. **You must contact the CUMC SHS Insurance Office (212-342-3946, or email eg242@columbia.edu) as soon as you know you will be switching campuses so that we can extend your insurance plan until September 1st** (you will be billed a _-month premium and SHS fee).
3. The Columbia Morningside campus offers two levels of coverage for the student insurance plan. You may select whether to enroll in the basic or the comprehensive level. If you make no selection by the enrollment deadline of September 30, 2009 you will be enrolled in the basic level of the plan for the full academic year. For more detailed information on enrollment and benefits please visit www.health.columbia.edu/
4. **Referrals for medical conditions must be renewed each insurance year.** If you will be enrolling on the Morningside campus, please schedule an appointment with your assigned Primary Care provider at Health Services at Columbia to determine if a referral for continued care is indicated. Appointments may be scheduled online or by telephone at 212-854-7426. When you change plans, referrals for mental health conditions will also need to be re-issued for continuing treatment by calling Counseling and Psychological Services at 212 854-2878.
5. The “preferred provider network” or vendors vary based on campus location. If you will be moving to the Morningside campus, be sure to check which providers are preferred (for example, Westside Radiology for imaging services, and off campus mental health clinicians) to insure you receive maximum benefit under your insurance coverage.

Enjoy downtown! We look forward to seeing you upon your return.