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Office of the Dean
Registrar

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Memorandum to: M.D. Graduates - 2023

From: Wm. Bryant Faust IV, EdD
Associate Dean and Registrar

Re: Termination of Insurance Coverage (Medical, Dental, Vision, Life, and Disability)

MEDICAL INSURANCE – Continues through June 30, 2023

If enrolled in the School of Medicine Student Health Program, your coverage will continue through June 30, 2023. Should you have other coverage effective June 1 and desire a May 31 termination in the Student Health Program, your written request must be sent by email to the Office of the Registrar, sombenefits@jhmi.edu, prior to June 1st.

Those accepted for internships at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, or those accepted for fellowships at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine will continue to be eligible for the student medical insurance, as all house officers and postdoctoral fellows are required to subscribe to the Hopkins Student Health Program.

You may extend medical insurance coverage in the School of Medicine student group for periods as defined under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). The maximum extension is 18 months (or 29 months if receiving Social Security disability benefits.) You have 60 days from the date of the termination to complete the COBRA enrollment forms. Please email sombenefits@jhmi.edu to request COBRA enrollment form.

DENTAL INSURANCE – Continues through June 30, 2023

Membership in the dental plan through CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield will continue through June 30, 2023. Should you desire a May 31 termination, your written request must be sent by email to the Office of the Registrar, sombenefits@jhmi.edu, prior to June 1st.

Those accepted for internships at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, or those accepted for fellowships at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine will continue eligibility in the School of Medicine dental plan.

You may extend dental insurance coverage in the School of Medicine student group for periods as defined under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). The maximum extension is 18 months (or 29 months if receiving Social Security disability benefits.) You have 60 days from the date of the termination to complete the cobra enrollment forms. Please email sombenefits@jhmi.edu to request COBRA enrollment form.

VISION INSURANCE – Continues through June 30, 2023

If you enrolled in the voluntary vision plan through EyeMed, coverage will continue through June 30, 2023.

Those accepted for internships at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, or those accepted for fellowships at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine will be eligible to re-enroll in the vision plan at no cost for coverage for themselves, their spouses and dependent children. Information on enrollment will be provided in a separate mailing.

You may extend vision insurance coverage in the School of Medicine student group for periods as defined under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). The maximum extension is 18 months (or 29 months if receiving Social Security disability benefits.) You have 60 days from the date of the termination to complete the cobra enrollment forms. Please email sombenefits@jhmi.edu to request COBRA enrollment form.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

Access to University Health Services ends when you are no longer a student in the School of Medicine, which is usually when you graduate in May. If you are an active patient receiving care at University Health Services and/or University Mental Health Services in May, you may continue to receive care for an additional 90-days beyond graduation in order to transition to a non-UHS/UMHS care provider. If you are remaining with the School of Medicine as house staff or as a postdoctoral fellow, access to UHS is provided as a benefit.

LIFE INSURANCE & DISABILITY INSURANCE – Continues through May 31, 2023

Your enrollment in the life insurance and disability insurance plans, which have been provided by the School of Medicine while a degree candidate, will terminate May 31, 2023.

If you are remaining at Johns Hopkins Hospital or Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center as a house officer or a postdoctoral fellow, you will be provided with life and disability insurance through UNUM as of July 1, 2023. Information on enrollment will be provided in a separate mailing.

If you are leaving Johns Hopkins and wish to convert your life insurance and disability insurance, please contact Cornerstone Financial, LLP, 1 E. Franklin Street, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21202; phone 410-837-1776 for conversion information.

Should you have questions concerning these benefits, please email sombenefits@jhmi.edu.