HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

Health Insurance is mandatory for all full-time registered students in the University. As a professional student at the College of Veterinary Medicine you may choose to

Purchase the Student Health Insurance Plan through Cornell University

Or

Waive the Student Health Insurance Plan if you have other comparable health insurance.

All DVM students will be automatically enrolled in Cornell’s Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and charged a mandatory premium which is $1,898.00 for 2011-2012. The charge for the SHIP premium will appear on your July bursar bill. Students responsible for the premium will have until September 30 to choose to pay in monthly installments (with a small service charge). SHIP has been developed especially for Cornell University students, (and their spouses/same-sex partners, and their children for an additional fee). The plan provides coverage for illness and injuries (not for preventive or elective health care, except as specifically noted in benefit details) on-and off-campus. The Plan does cover pre-existing medical conditions. Plan members are covered twenty-four hours a day, anywhere in the world, from 12:01 a.m. August 16 to 12:01 a.m. August 15, of the following year. To enroll dependents please complete the necessary enrollment forms at the Student Health Insurance Office before September 30 of the academic year for which you want them enrolled.

For more details about the SHIP, contact the Student Insurance Office located at 409 College Ave, Suite 211, telephone 607-255-6363 fax 607-254-5221 or e-mail: sicu@cornell.edu or check the following link: www.gannett.cornell.edu/Student_Insurance/SHIPgrad_prof.html.

For details about what SHIP covers and to locate providers go to: www.aetnastudenthealth.com

Go to the Student Connection link and enter Cornell’s policy number 711115

If you do not wish to be enrolled in SHIP, you must file an appeal to demonstrate that you have other coverage that meets Cornell’s requirements. Appeal forms are available online at http://www.vet.cornell.edu/students.

The deadline for these forms is September 30, of the academic year you are appealing the insurance for. Forms may also be picked up in the Office of Student and Academic Services during orientation in August or anytime thereafter.