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Frequently Asked Questions



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The following set of Frequently Asked Questions is presented in a format to facilitate the transfer of information about the student health insurance policy to students and parents.

We have divided the FAQs in to three categories.

- A. Deciding Whether to Enroll in the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan (MMA SHIP) or Waive Coverage**
- B. When and How to Enroll in or Waive Coverage under the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan**
- C. Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan Benefits**

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Section A

A. Deciding Whether to Enroll in the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan or Waive Coverage

Each year, you must decide whether to enroll in the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan or waive coverage under that Plan if you already have comparable coverage. The following questions and answers may help you make that decision.

1. Do I have to enroll in or waive coverage under the MMA Student Health Insurance Plan (MMA SHIP) and what are the deadlines?

Yes, all registered enrolled undergraduate students are required to have health insurance coverage, either through the MMA SHIP or through another individual or family plan that is considered “comparable coverage”.

All registered enrolled undergraduate students are required to complete the enrollment/waiver process for MMA’s SHIP annually. During this process, you may enroll in the MMA SHIP or waive the Plan, provided that you have your own comparable coverage.

For enrolled undergraduate students attending MMA this fall, the deadline for enrollment or waiver request is **August 15, 2021**. ***If you do not enroll or complete a waiver by the deadline, you will be automatically enrolled in the Plan and will be responsible for the \$1,919 premium for coverage effective August 15, 2021 through August 14, 2022. For new students starting in the spring, the deadline for new Spring students is January 1, 2022, and the spring premium would be \$1,188 for coverage effective January 1, 2022 through August 14, 2022.***

2. Am I considered an enrolled undergraduate student?

If you are registered and taking nine (9) or more credits at Maine Maritime Academy, you are considered an enrolled undergraduate student who must either enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan or waive coverage.

3. Why does MMA require health insurance for all enrolled undergraduate students?

MMA requires that all enrolled undergraduate students have comprehensive health insurance coverage while enrolled, including coverage for both emergency and non-emergency care, to ensure that you have coverage for local care to meet your health care needs while at college.

4. If I am an enrolled undergraduate international student, do I need to enroll in or waive coverage under the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan (MMA SHIP)?

Yes, if you are an enrolled undergraduate international student, you are required to complete the enrollment/waiver process. The vast majority of international students will need to enroll in the MMA SHIP. Only those international students who are covered by an embassy-sponsored health plan or other comparable coverage that is based in the United States are able to waive coverage under the MMA SHIP.

5. Can my parent complete the waiver or enrollment process for me?

No, while it is a great idea to have your parent involved in helping you decide whether to enroll in the MMA SHIP, privacy laws require that you complete the waiver or enrollment process. There are instructions on how to complete the enrollment or waiver process in **FAQ B-13**.

If you are covered as a dependent on your parent's employer group medical insurance plan, you might have limited information about the medical insurance. With parental involvement, this can be a great learning opportunity and can be an important financial decision for the household, especially if you are the last dependent covered under your parent's employer group plan.

6. If I am waiving coverage under the MMA Student Health Insurance Plan, do I have to provide any other information about my comparable coverage?

Yes, if you are waiving coverage, you will be required to provide additional information that is important to successfully complete the process. See **FAQ B-13**.

7. What is comparable coverage?

Comparable coverage is a medical plan from a company based in the United States that provides benefits without lifetime maximums or pre-existing condition limitations. Generally, comparable coverage complies with the Affordable Care Act (the ACA, also called Obamacare) and provides equivalent or richer benefits than those provided under the MMA SHIP.

Your comparable coverage should have participating (In-Network) health care providers who are located in the geographic area where you attend school and must cover a range of services.

An HMO plan from your home state may not have providers that provide non-emergency health care services while you are in Maine and would not be considered comparable coverage. Other than a closed HMO Plan, most medical plans offered by employers based in the United States to employees and their dependents are considered comparable coverage. However, there are exceptions.

To be considered comparable coverage, the medical plan should cover:

- Ambulatory care (visits to doctors and other healthcare professionals, outpatient hospital care you get without being admitted);
- Emergency care;
- Hospitalization (such as surgery and overnight stays);
- Pregnancy, maternity, and newborn care (both before and after birth);
- Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment (including counseling and psychotherapy);
- Prescription drugs (including brand-name drugs and specialty drugs);
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices (services and devices to help people with injuries, disabilities, or chronic conditions gain or recover mental and physical skills);
- Laboratory services; and
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management.

Additionally, the annual out-of-pocket limit should not be more than \$8,550 for an individual or \$17,100 for a family.

8. What plans are not considered comparable coverage?

There are many types of plans and coverages that are not considered comparable coverage. While many of these plans provide emergency coverage worldwide, they do not cover non-emergency care while you are outside of their service area. Below are examples of plan that are not considered comparable coverage:

- Travel insurance plans;
- Those health plans that only cover specific occurrences, such as accidents or certain sicknesses;
- Those that only provide emergency services (such as your home state's HMO's without providers in Maine);
- Out-of-state Medicaid plans (an exception applies if you are studying remotely in your home state);
- International plans (includes travel coverage from your home country policy);
- Health care sharing plans (Examples: Zion Health, One Share Health, Christian Healthcare Ministries);
- Plans from insurance companies not located within the United States; and
- Prescription discount plans (this is not insurance).

9. If I have comparable coverage under another medical plan, what should I consider in deciding whether to enroll in the MMA Student Health Insurance Plan?

We strongly suggest that you compare your current medical coverage to the coverage provided by the MMA SHIP. Information that will help you compare your current plan and the MMA SHIP includes the Summary of Benefits and Coverage and/or the Schedule of Benefits for both plans. These documents list services covered and out-of-pocket-costs, such as any deductibles, copays, coinsurance, and your

maximum out of pocket costs. You may find your current plan's out-of-pocket costs are higher than what you would pay if you were insured by the MMA SHIP. The MMA SHIP has only a \$100 annual deductible, and that won't apply to your doctor's office visit, urgent care visit, or mental health office visit categories of care – most employer-based health plans have a much higher deductible.

You also may want to consider the premium cost of your current coverage and the cost of the MMA SHIP, which is **\$1,919** for coverage from **August 15, 2021 through August 14, 2022**. Student Health Insurance Plans tend to be some of the lowest cost health plans available. It may be financially beneficial for you and your family if you enroll in the MMA SHIP.

You can also think about your expected health care needs. Considerations may include whether you regularly visit physicians or counselors, regularly fill prescriptions, or need other health care.

10. What impact has the Affordable Care Act (otherwise known as the ACA or Obamacare) had on Student Health Insurance Plans?

The ACA significantly changed Student Health Insurance Plans. While coverage for a comprehensive set of services was always available through SHIPs, there were usually dollar limits placed on the coverage. ***Since the ACA applies to your Student Health Insurance Plan, there are no lifetime or annual dollar maximums that apply and coverage is comprehensive with benefits for at least ten essential health services, with no exclusions for pre-existing conditions.*** Enrolling in the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan satisfies both federal and state requirements that you have health insurance.

11. My home state's Health Insurance Marketplace provides individual health plans. Can they be used as comparable coverage to waive coverage under the MMA SHIP?

Yes, if they cover you while you are at college. Each state's Health Insurance Marketplace provides access to ACA-compliant health insurance, so you may be able to use this insurance as comparable coverage and waive the MMA SHIP. **However**, if your Marketplace insurance plan is designed to be used in the state in which it was purchased (e.g., the healthcare network of providers does not extend to your location while you are at school and only emergency care would be covered), it **should not** be used as comparable coverage entitling you to waive coverage under the MMA SHIP.

Even if your Marketplace insurance plan would entitle you to waive, the plan's out-of-pocket cost shares and premium costs may be higher than the those under the MMA SHIP. ***Please closely review all plan characteristics before you make your medical insurance decision.***

Section B

B. When and How to Enroll in or Waive Coverage under the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan (MMA SHIP)

Once you have decided to either enroll in or waive coverage under the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan, the following Questions and Answers describe when and how you enroll in or waive coverage and may help you complete that process.

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12. If I enrolled in or waived coverage last year, do I have to do it again this year?

Yes, you need to enroll in or waive coverage each year that you are eligible as an enrolled undergraduate Maine Maritime Academy student.

13. When and how do I enroll in or waive coverage this year?

If you are a fall 2021 enrolled undergraduate student, your enrollment or waiver deadline is: July 1, 2021

For new spring or transfer students, your enrollment or waiver deadline is: January 1, 2022

You will be notified of your eligibility to enroll in or waive coverage under the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan (MMA SHIP) each year during the late spring or summer (or in December if you are a new spring or transfer student). Eligible students will need to confirm enrollment or waive the Maine Maritime Academy SHIP by the deadline.

To Enroll in or Waive the MMA SHIP

All eligible students will be required to go to:

1. [//mymma.mma.edu/students/Pages/Health-Insurance-informatin.aspx](https://mymma.mma.edu/students/Pages/Health-Insurance-informatin.aspx) and sign in.
2. Review the instructions.
3. Complete all required information associated with your choice.
4. Last step: Be sure to click: Submit.

14. If I enroll in the MMA SHIP, can I cancel my coverage later and get a refund?

Once you are enrolled for the year, if it is after the enrollment/waiver deadline, you remain enrolled in the MMA SHIP until the last day of the coverage period - **August 14, 2022**. You have no option to terminate coverage, unless you enter the armed forces. In that case, we will refund a pro-rated share of the paid premium.

15. If I change my mind and want to enroll instead of waive, or waive instead of enroll, what do I do?

If it is before the enrollment/waiver deadline, you can contact MMA student billing office and let them know you want to change your decision on the MMA SHIP. An MMA representative can guide you through the steps.

If it is after the enrollment/waiver deadline, you cannot waive after enrolling in the MMA SHIP, unless you enter the armed forces. You may be able to enroll if you have had a qualifying event – please see **FAQ B-16**.

16. Can I enroll in the MMA SHIP if I waived previously, but then lost comparable coverage after the enrollment/waiver period closed?

Yes, you may be able to enroll. This is called a **special enrollment period** and it is only allowed in certain circumstances. You must have lost your comparable coverage due to a **qualifying event**. Qualifying events include involuntary loss of coverage from a comparable health insurance plan for reasons such as:

- Reaching the age limit of another health insurance plan,
- Loss of health insurance through due to a job loss/change.

You can enroll within 30 days of the loss of coverage. When enrolling in the MMA SHIP, you must first contact MMA's student billing office and also submit to Wellfleet a letter from the carrier showing your dates of coverage (including the end date).

17. If I have dependents, is coverage under the MMA Student Health Insurance Plan available for my family?

No, at this time, coverage is not available for your dependents, such as your spouse, domestic partner or your children.

Section C

C. Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan (MMA SHIP) Benefits

If you have decided to enroll in the Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan, the following Questions and Answers may provide helpful information about your coverage and how you can use it.

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18. What benefits does my Maine Maritime Academy Student Health Insurance Plan (MMA SHIP) provide?

Your Plan coverage is fully compliant with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and all other federal and state requirements. It pays for a variety of medical services, including:

- Preventive care services **at no cost** when you use In-Network providers including routine physicals and examinations, screenings, GYN examinations, prescription drugs and most immunizations;
- Hospital room and board and care;
- Inpatient and outpatient procedures and surgeries;
- Doctor and other health care professional office visits;
- Labs services, x-rays and imaging tests;
- Inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services;
- Ambulance transportation;
- Emergency care and urgent care;
- Prescription drugs;
- Home healthcare;
- Rehabilitation and habilitation services;
- Maternity and childbirth services; and
- Chemotherapy and radiation treatments,

For services that are not preventive, your Plan pays for 80% of your eligible medical expenses, after the \$100 deductible is satisfied, when you receive care from In-Network providers - this is the advantage to using In-Network providers. When you use Out-of-Network providers, your Plan pays for 60% of your eligible medical expenses after the \$100 deductible is satisfied, which means your out-of-pocket costs are more. Each plan year, your out-of-pocket costs are limited to **\$7,900 for In-Network** care and **\$15,800 for Out-of-Network** care, including prescription drugs.

For prescription drugs from In-Network pharmacies, you pay:

- \$0 for preventive care medications at In-Network Pharmacies;
- \$0 for Zero Cost Generic medications at In-Network Pharmacies;
- \$15 copay for a 30-day supply of Tier-1 (Generic) drugs;
- \$45 copay for a 30-day supply of a Tier-2 (Preferred Brand) drugs,
- \$75 copay for a 30-day supply of a Tier-3 (Non-Preferred) drugs; and
- \$75 copay for a 30-day supply of Specialty drugs.

Note: in some cases, your doctor must get prior authorization from the insurance company before a drug will be covered under your Plan. You can see which drugs require preapproval by visiting <http://wellfleetrx.com/students/formularies/>

19. How do I see if my doctor, hospital, therapist, or other medical provider is In-Network?

Please visit this link to search for your providers or call toll free **877-657-5030**.

<https://hcpdirectory.cigna.com/web/public/consumer/directory/search>

20. How do I see if my pharmacy is in the network?

Click on this link: <https://wellfleetrx.com/students/pharmacy-network/> and select **BIN 003858: Wellfleet Rx/ESI listing**.

21. Am I still covered under the Plan during breaks and vacations?

Yes, your plan is effective from **August 15, 2021 through August 14, 2022**.

22. What if I am living off-campus, traveling, or studying outside the United States?

Your Plan provides access to a worldwide coverage and a comprehensive program that will arrange emergency medical and travel assistance services, repatriation services and other services when you are traveling.

For general inquiries regarding the travel access assistance services coverage, please call **Wellfleet** at **(877) 657-5030, TTY 711**.

If you are traveling and need assistance in North America, call the **Assistance Center** toll-free at: **(877) 305-1966** or if you are in a foreign country, call collect at: **(715) 295-9311**.

When you call, please provide your name, school name, the group number shown on your ID card, and a description of your situation. If the condition is an emergency, go immediately to the nearest physician or hospital without delay and then contact the 24- hour Assistance Center.

23. Do I need a referral from Maine Maritime Academy's Student Health or Counseling Services to see an off-campus healthcare provider?

No, you don't need a referral. Still, if it is not an emergency, you may decide to seek care or advice first from MMA's Health and Counseling Services. Staff can connect you with valuable on-campus services or to providers in local care delivery system off campus. For more information, visit MMA's Health and Counseling Services webpage at: <https://mainemaritime.edu/student-life/health-and-counseling-services/>

24. I expect to graduate this year. Does my Student Health Insurance Plan cover me after I graduate?

Yes, you will be covered under your Plan until the end of the policy period for which you are enrolled and have paid your premium. If you enrolled effective **August 15, 2021** and paid for annual coverage and you graduate in the spring, you will be covered until the end of the policy year, which is **August 14, 2022**.

25. How do I get an ID card for my Student Health Insurance Plan?

You can log into your online account at

<https://www.studentinsurance.com/MyAccount/Account/Index/1508>

If you haven't before, you must Create an Account, before you can log in.

Once you are logged in, under the tab labeled **Student Options**, see the title **Account Options**. Then you can either chose to **“Print ID card”**, **“Email ID card”** or request a hard copy card to be mailed to you under **“Request Replacement ID card”**. Another good way to have your ID card readily available is to save it to your Smartphone or in your Apple Wallet. To do this, select the **“Email ID card”** option, then save the card to your device.

26. What if I need more information about my Student Health Insurance Plan?

You can go to <https://www.studentinsurance.com/Client/1508> or www.crossagency.com/MMA

27. Are there any changes to the Plan for the 2021-2022 Policy Year?

Yes, the following changes will apply for the 21-22 plan year:

- **Deductible reduced to \$100 per policy year for each in-network and out-of-network**
- **Office visit benefit will be \$30 copay then the plan pays 100% of the Negotiated Charge for In-Network providers, (\$100 deductible waived)**
- **Office visit benefit for Out-of-Network providers, the plan will pay 80% of the Usual & Customary Charge, (\$100 deductible applies until satisfied for the plan year)**
- **Mental Health office visit benefit will be \$30 copay then the plan pays 100% of the Negotiated Charge for In-Network providers, (\$100 deductible waived)**
- **Mental Health Office visit benefit for Out-of-Network providers, the plan will pay 80% of the Usual & Customary Charge, (\$100 deductible applies until satisfied for the plan year)**
- **Urgent Care benefit will be \$30 copay then the plan pays 100% of the Negotiated Charge for In-Network providers, (\$100 deductible waived)**
- **Urgent Care benefit for Out-of-Network providers, the plan will pay 80% of the Usual & Customary Charge, (\$100 deductible applies until satisfied for the plan year)**

28. How much does the Plan cost?

Insurance Plan Costs for Students		
	Annual	Spring (New Students Only)
Student*	\$1,919	\$1,188

*The above plan costs include an administrative service fee.

Where to Find Help

For Questions About:	Please Contact:
<p>Servicing Agent</p> 	<p>Cross Benefit Solutions 150 Mill Street, Suite 4 Lewiston, ME 04240 800-537-6444 www.crossagency.com/mma</p>
<p>Enrollment Insurance Benefits Claims Processing ID Cards Preferred Provider Listings</p>	<p>Wellfleet Group, LLC PO Box 15369 Springfield, Massachusetts 01115-5369 (877) 657-5030, TTY 711 www.wellfleetstudent.com</p>
<p>Waiver Process</p>	<p>Maine Maritime Academy Student Portal mvmma.mma.edu/students/Pages/Health-Insurance-information.aspx</p>
<p>Preferred PPO Provider Listings</p>	<p>Wellfleet Student www.wellfleetstudent.com</p> <p>or</p> <p>Cigna PPO www.cigna.com</p>
<p>Prescription Drug Provider</p>	<p>For information about the Wellfleet Rx/ESI Prescription Drug Program, please visit www.wellfleetstudent.com</p> <p>Your plan includes Wellfleet Rx – offering over 40 generics at a \$0 copay. Please ask your health care provider to review our formulary to see if these medications are right for you. Click here http://wellfleetrx.com/students/formularies/ for more information.</p>
<p>Pediatric Dental and Vision Benefits Accidental Injury Dental Benefit</p>	<p>Note: This plan includes Pediatric Dental and Vision Benefits for Insured Persons to the end of the month in which they turn age 19, and Accidental Injury Dental Treatment for Insured Persons over age 18. This plan does not include dental insurance for Insured Persons after the month they turn 19. This plan does not include Vision Benefits for Insured Persons after the month they turn 19.</p>