



## Student Health Insurance Plan for University of Houston - Visiting Scholars/Students

2025 - 2026

# Welcome to AcademicBlue, your Student Health Insurance Plan offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX).

## Enrollment and eligibility information

**International** students with a "J" visa status are required to be covered under the UH System (UHS) Student Health Insurance Plan or have equivalent health insurance coverage, regardless of the number of credit hours taken. At the time of registration, the student will automatically be charged for the mandatory UHS-endorsed Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) coverage period on their student financial account. Students enrolled in credit hours are not eligible to enroll in the Visiting Scholar Health Insurance Plan.

**Visiting Scholars/Students** with a "J" visa program participants and their dependents are required to be enrolled in the University of Houston Visiting Scholars/ Students Health Insurance Plan or to have acceptable alternative medical insurance coverage. Please go to [uhscholars.myahpcare.com](http://uhscholars.myahpcare.com) and click on the "Waiver" tab to submit your alternative insurance policy.

**Visiting Scholars/Students** and their dependents who are enrolled for classes are not eligible to purchase this plan.

## Additional Plan Information

Please read the plan policy in full to determine whether this Student Health Insurance Plan is right for you. The plan policy provides details of the coverage including benefits, exclusions and any reductions or limitations and the terms under which the policy may be continued in force. The plan policy is available on-line at [uhscholars.myahpcare.com](http://uhscholars.myahpcare.com).



### Advantages of Membership

- Affordable, quality coverage compatible with the Affordable Care Act
- Coverage when traveling
- Access to a broad Participating Provider Option (PPO) network from BCBSTX
- Bilingual 24/7 Nurseline, telehealth and behavioral health program
- Discounts on vision, fitness and many more products and services

## Premium Costs and Coverage Periods

Monthly	
Monthly Coverage Dates (Rolling)	09/01/2025 - 08/31/2026
Scholar/Student/Dependent	\$224.39 Monthly Rate

It is the student's responsibility to notify the University of Houston – Visiting Scholar Campus Student Insurance Office BEFORE the waiver deadline if there is a reason, he or she should not be re-enrolled.

To see all enrollment and coverage periods available, please visit [uhscholars.myahpcare.com](http://uhscholars.myahpcare.com).

## Student Health Services

The deductible will be waived and benefits will be paid at 100% for covered medical expenses incurred when treatment is rendered at the Student Health Center.

Benefit Maximums and Deductibles	In-Network Provider	Out-of-Network Provider
<b>Benefit Maximum</b>	Unlimited	Unlimited
<b>Deductible (Individual / Family)</b>	\$350 / \$1,050	\$700 / \$2,100
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum (Individual / Family)</b>	\$8,150 / \$15,800	\$15,800 / \$31,600

Benefits (Deductible applies unless noted below)	In-Network Provider	Out-of-Network Provider
<b>Hospital Expenses</b>	80% after a \$100 copayment per Hospital Confinement	60% after a \$100 copayment per Hospital Confinement
<b>Surgical Expenses</b>	80%	60%
<b>Doctor's Visits</b>	100% after copayment \$35 primary care copayment per visit; \$35 specialist copayment per visit (deductible waived)	60%
<b>Emergency Care and Accidental Injury</b> <b>Facility Services</b> – Copayment is waived if the insured is admitted, inpatient hospital expenses will apply	80% after \$250 copayment (deductible waived)	80% after \$250 copayment (deductible waived)
<b>Physician Services</b>	80%	80%
<b>Urgent Care Services</b>	100% after \$35 copayment (deductible waived)	60%
<b>Diagnostic X-Rays &amp; Laboratory Procedures</b>	80%	60%
<b>Preventive Care Services</b>	100% (deductible waived)	60%
<b>Routine Eye Exam</b> (age 19 and over; one per benefit period)	100% after copayment \$35 primary care copayment per visit; \$35 specialist copayment per visit (deductible waived)	60%
<b>Prescriptions Drugs</b>  Per 30-day Retail Supply  **Copayment plus the cost difference between the brand-name drug or supplies per prescription for which there is a generic drug or supply available.	At pharmacies contracting with Prime Therapeutics*, 100% after: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$20 copayment for each generic drug</li><li>• \$50 copayment for each brand-name drug**</li><li>• \$70 copayment for each non-preferred brand-name drug**</li><li>• \$100 copayment for each specialty drug</li><li>• \$100 Annual Prescription Deductible</li></ul>	50% after: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$20 copayment for each generic drug</li><li>• \$50 copayment for each brand-name drug**</li><li>• \$70 copayment for non-preferred brand-name drug**</li><li>• \$100 Annual Prescription Deductible</li></ul> <b>Please note:</b> You are required to pay the full amount charged at the time of service for all prescriptions dispensed at an out-of-network provider and must file a claim for reimbursement.

Academic HealthPlans, Inc. (AHP), a Risk Strategies Company is an independent company that provides program management and administrative services for the student health plans of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas.

This document is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer of coverage nor medical advice. It contains only a partial, general description of plan benefits and programs and does not constitute a contract. Covered expenses are subject to plan maximums, limitations and exclusions as described in the policy. The PPO network is BCBSTX Participating Provider Option (PPO) Network. Covered charges at in-network and out-of-network providers are based on the allowable amount. For more information, please see your school's policy.

\*The relationship between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) and contracting pharmacies is that of independent contractors, contracted through a related company, Prime Therapeutics LLC. Prime Therapeutics LLC is a separate company that also administers the pharmacy benefit program. BCBSTX, as well as several other independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, has an ownership interest in Prime Therapeutics.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, health status or disability.

To get help and information in your language at no cost, please call us at 855-710-6984.

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 855-710-6984 (TTY: 711).

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 855-710-6984 (TTY: 711).



**Health care coverage is important for everyone.**

If you, or someone you are helping, have questions, you have the right to get help and information in your language at no cost. To talk to an interpreter, call 855-710-6984. We provide free communication aids and services for anyone with a disability or who needs language assistance.

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Office of Civil Rights Coordinator  
300 E. Randolph St., 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 855-664-7270 (voicemail)  
TTY/TDD: 855-661-6965  
Fax: 855-661-6960

You may file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, at:

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building 1019  
Washington, DC 20201

Phone: 800-368-1019  
TTY/TDD: 800-537-7697  
Complaint Portal: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf>  
Complaint Forms: <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/complaint-process/index.html>

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Español	Llámenos al 855-710-6984 para recibir asistencia lingüística o comunicación en otros formatos sin costo.
العربية	.855-710-6984 لتقديم المساعدة اللغوية أو التواصل مجانًا، يرجى الاتصال بنا على الرقم
繁體中文	如欲獲得免費語言或溝通協助，請撥打855-710-6984與我們聯絡。
Français	Pour bénéficier gratuitement d'une assistance linguistique ou d'une aide à la communication, veuillez nous appeler au 855-710-6984.
Deutsch	Um kostenlose Sprach- oder Kommunikationshilfe zu erhalten, rufen Sie uns bitte unter 855-710-6984 an.
ગુજરાતી	ભાષા અથવા સંચાર સહાય મદ્દતમાં મેળવવા માટે, કૃપા કરીને અમને 855-710-6984 પર કોલ કરો.
हिंदी	निःशुल्क भाषा या संचार सहायता प्राप्त करने के लिए, कृपया हमें 855-710-6984 पर कॉल करें।
Italiano	Per assistenza gratuita alla lingua o alla comunicazione, chiami il numero 855-710-6984.
한국어	언어 또는 의사소통 지원을 무료로 받으려면 855-710-6984번으로 전화해 주세요.
Navajo	Niná: Doo bilagáana bizaad dinit'sá'góó, shá ata' hodooni nínízingo, t'áájíík'eh bee náhaz'á. 1-866-560-4042 ji' hodíilni.
فارسی	برای دریافت کمک زبانی یا ارتباطی رایگان، لطفاً با شماره 855-710-6984 تماس بگیرید.
Polski	Aby uzyskać bezpłatną pomoc językową lub komunikacyjną, prosimy o kontakt pod numerem 855-710-6984.
Русский	Чтобы бесплатно воспользоваться услугами перевода или получить помощь при общении, звоните нам по телефону 855-710-6984.
Tagalog	Para makatanggap ng tulong sa wika o komunikasyon nang walang bayad, pakitawagan kami sa 855-710-6984.
اردو	مفت میں زبان یا مواصلت کی مدد موصول کرنے کے لیے، براہ کرم بمیں 855-710-6984 پر کال کریں۔
Tiếng Việt	Để được hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ hoặc giao tiếp miễn phí, vui lòng gọi cho chúng tôi theo số 855-710-6984.