

Johns Hopkins University Graduate Student Benefits Overview

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Medical Insurance

The medical insurance is administered by Wellfleet, and provides medical coverage to graduate students. For more information on medical coverage, go to: jhu.myahpcare.com.

If you are a full-time student or an international student on an F-1 or J-1 visa, you will be auto-enrolled in individual only coverage. Changes in enrollment and adding dependents to coverage must take place during the annual open enrollment period, or within 30 days of a qualified life event (QLE). Please note: the birth of a child is a life event. To enroll or make eligible changes in coverage, visit jhu.myahpcare.com.

For more information on medical coverage, go to the [Wellfleet website](#). The Wellfleet website also includes an easy-to-use provider directory search tool to find participating providers and facilities. Wellfleet utilizes the CIGNA to provide nationwide in-network coverage with hospitals, physicians, and laboratories for covered members. You can find participating providers in MD/DC/VA and other states online using the [Cigna website](#).

Dental Insurance

The University provides graduates the option to purchase dental insurance through Delta Dental. Students can also cover their spouse/domestic partner and children into coverage at the time of enrollment. To find out more about what the plan covers or to enroll in coverage, please visit jhu.myahpcare.com.

To search for participating providers, go online using the [Delta Dental website](#) and select the Delta Dental PPO + Premier network.

Vision Insurance

The University provides graduates the option to purchase vision insurance through EyeMed. Students can also cover their spouse/domestic partner and children on the vision plan at no additional cost. This insurance plan includes eye exams, glasses and contact lenses both in-network and out-of-network. Please note that Wilmer Eye Clinic is not a participating provider for this vision insurance plan. For more information, visit www.eyemed.com. To have coverage, you must enroll yourself and any eligible family members in the plan online during the open enrollment period or within 30 days of a QLE. Please visit jhu.myahpcare.com to enroll your dependents.

Additional Vision Benefit - Wilmer Eye Exam – East Baltimore Students Only

The Wilmer Institute Comprehensive Eye Service for students (not available to dependents) provides one adult comprehensive eye exam/contact lens evaluation per plan year. Student Health & Well-Being (SHWB) Primary Care administers payment of this exam. Appointments may be made at any of the following Wilmer sites:

- Johns Hopkins Hospital 410-955-5080
- Greenspring Station 410-583-2800
- Columbia 410-910-2330
- White Marsh 443-442-2020
- Bel Air 410-399-8443
- Bethesda 240-482-1100

As the medical insurance does not cover the adult routine eye examination/contact lens evaluation, provider bills for routine eye examination/contact lens evaluations and an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) if received, should be forwarded to the SHWB Benefits Office for prompt payment by that office. Contact lenses and eyeglasses are not covered. However, the Wilmer Institute Comprehensive Eye Service provides 25% off the regular retail price for all prescription eyewear frames, lenses, and lens treatments. For more information, or to submit claims, contact Student Health & Well-Being (SHWB PC) at 410-955-3872.

Student Health & Well Being Primary Care

The Student Health & Well Being Primary Care (SHWB PC) Center provides a variety of primary care services for the evaluation and treatment of an illness or injury, preventive health care and health education. There are three primary care centers – Homewood, East Baltimore, and DC. To find out which center you are eligible for please visit: wellbeing.jhu.edu/PrimaryCare.

Student Health and Well-Being Mental Health Services (MHS)

SHWB-MHS provides a range of confidential, goal-oriented mental health services. Counseling, psychiatric services, group therapy, workshops, and online resources are available at no cost to students and trainees; any medication or required laboratory tests can be paid out-of-pocket or billed by the pharmacy or lab to your insurance.

All students and trainees seeking care at SHWB-MHS will be scheduled for an Initial Consultation (IC) appointment to assess for risk and make informed treatment recommendations. If your individualized treatment recommendations fall outside of our Scope of Service, you will be provided with referrals to off-campus resources and supported through the process of connecting with ongoing care. Referrals to off-campus resources may occur during the IC appointment, after further assessment of your needs during an initial course of goal-oriented treatment, or if the nature of your condition or presenting concerns change over time. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please visit:

wellbeing.jhu.edu/MentalHealthServices

Parental Accommodations

All full-time graduate students are eligible to take 8 weeks for New Child Accommodations in accordance with the [new child accommodations policy for full time students and postdoctoral fellows policy](#).

Qualified Life Events (QLEs)

When you experience certain personal events, such as getting married or having a baby, you can make changes to your benefits coverage. These are called “qualifying life events,” and they allow you to make a change to your coverage outside of annual enrollment.

Qualifying life events can include:

- Marriage
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Loss of other coverage
- Loss of your spouse/domestic partner’s employment
- Change in employment status (for you or your spouse/domestic partner from full-time to part-time)
- Divorce or termination of domestic partnership
- Death of your spouse/domestic partner or other dependent
- Spouse/partner/children moving to the USA (3 or more months)

If you experience a qualifying life event, you have 30 days following the date of the event to provide documentation of the event, and make a change to your benefits coverage consistent with the event. (If you give birth, for example, you may add the baby to your current JHU benefits plans.)

Generally, the change is retroactive to the date of the life event.

If you need to change your benefits due to a qualifying life event, please login to jhu.myahpcare.com.

Remember, you must make changes no later than 30 days following a qualified life event or wait until the next open enrollment period.

Complete descriptions of the health insurance program, dental insurance, and vision insurance plans are available on following website:

jhu.myahpcare.com. The benefits described herein are for the 2024–2025 year. Benefit plans and their costs are reviewed annually and are subject to modification. Please direct questions to Academic Health Plans at 855.423.1678 or email jhustudentbenefits@jhu.edu.