



Welcome Hilltoppers:

Welcome to St. Edward's University. We understand that this is a busy time for you. We would like to focus your attention on some health requirements. Please read the following carefully.

Student Health Insurance

Here at St. Edward's University, we believe that it is essential for students to be protected against high medical costs caused by illness, injuries and chronic health issues. St. Edward's University will be practicing a "Hard Waiver" insurance program. This simply means that every student is required to show proof of health insurance. For students who are using a parent's health insurance, a completed waiver before the deadline is required. Students may also purchase the **2018-19 Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)**, underwritten by UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company and administered by Academic HealthPlans. Each student must demonstrate that they have comparable coverage by completing and submitting an on-line waiver prior to the deadline. **After the deadline**, which is September 12, 2018, St. Edward's students are automatically enrolled in SHIP unless they document other health insurance that provides coverage in the Austin area prior to the deadline. All active students must complete this insurance waiver each year, beginning with the semester that they enter.

Students may complete the insurance waiver by logging into the My Hilltop portal on the student page on the website.

On the other side of this letter is a brief description of the SHIP coverage. For additional information, you can link to a full copy of the brochure on the website: stedwards.myahpcare.com. If you have questions regarding the Student Health Insurance Plan, please call Academic HealthPlans at 1-855-825-3982, the Health & Counseling Center at (512) 448-8686, you may also email questions to insure@stedwards.edu, or fax us at (512) 464-8842.

We welcome any questions regarding the above information and look forward to your arrival in August.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Health & Counseling Center**