Important Information Regarding the 2016-2017 Student Health Insurance Plan

As in the past, all full-time graduate students at Washington University in St. Louis are required to have health insurance. The University offers a student health insurance plan through United Healthcare for students to purchase, either in lieu of or in addition to another plan. There is a waiver process that will determine adequate health insurance for those who wish to opt out of the student health insurance plan. This waiver process is available to all students, with the exception of those with a J1 or F1 visa status while in the U.S. The waiver requirements are available on the Student Health Services website.

After registering for full-time status, all students are charged the premium for the student health insurance plan on their student accounting statement. Students wishing to complete the waiver process must do so prior to the waiver deadline of September 5, 2016. Upon successful completion of the waiver, a student’s account will be credited for the health insurance premium. This waiver process must be completed annually, prior to the deadline, or the student will be included on the University’s student health insurance plan for the academic year.

The premium rate for the United Healthcare Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan is $1,512 annually; this fee is charged on the fall billing statement. The policy is effective from August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017. In addition to the insurance requirement, each student is charged a Student Health & Wellness fee of $165 per semester, $330 per academic year. This fee covers the cost of health and wellness services and programs on campus, including access to the South 40 Fitness Center.

Students wishing to add dependents or dental coverage must do so prior to the enrollment deadlines. More information regarding the insurance plans, enrollment, and waiver process is available on the Student Health Services website.

Information for Fully Supported Doctoral Engineering Students in 2016-2017

• Fully supported, Doctoral Engineering students will continue to receive a 100% health subsidy to cover the cost of the basic student health insurance premium and the Student Health & Wellness fee.

• As in the past, students on an assistantship will receive the subsidy in the form of an enhancement to their basic stipend, paid over 12 months. These students are responsible for paying the health fees assessed on the student account. Please note that the stipend enhancement is paid over 12 months, but the annual health insurance premium is charged in full in the fall semester.

• Due to the increase in the health insurance premium, SEAS does not purchase or subsidize the cost of a dental plan for students. Students may purchase a dental plan, but they are responsible for the enrollment and payment of the fees.

• Questions regarding student health insurance or the waiver process should be directed to Student Health Services at (314) 935-6666.

• Questions regarding Doctoral Engineering student support should be directed to Johanna Sengheiser, Graduate Financial Aid Analyst & Accountant at (314) 935-6183.