

APPROVE STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR URBANA, CHICAGO,
AND SPRINGFIELD UNIVERSITIES, ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

Action: Approve Student Health Insurance Rates for Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield Universities, Academic Year 2018-2019

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellors/Vice Presidents at Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield, recommend approval of student health insurance rates for Academic Year 2018-2019. The student health insurance rate, combined with the student health service fee, provide financial support for the health care programs that are tailored to meet the needs of the students at the universities. The universities consult with student advisory groups on health program coverage and the resulting rate. Students may choose not to participate in the student health insurance program by providing evidence of comparable insurance coverage from other sources. Attached is a summary of the student health program coverage.

As recently as 2015 and 2017, the Urbana and Springfield universities sought competitive proposals from commercial insurers to underwrite their student plans. Beginning in 2004, the Chicago university initiated a self-funded student health benefit plan, *CampusCare*, to provide benefits and contain costs.

For fall semester 2018, the Urbana university continues to be underwritten by United Healthcare, with a 15 percent increase for both undergraduate and graduate students. A continued increase in utilization, including out-patient visits, prescription drug usage, and maternity and mental health claims, increased insurer costs. For fall semester 2018, the Springfield university plan will be underwritten by Academic Health/Blue Cross Blue Shield, which was the result of a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The three percent increase is attributable to a decline in enrollment without the equivalent decline in claim costs. For fall semester 2018, the Chicago university proposes that the rate remain flat for undergraduate and graduate students. Given the scope and breadth of the benefits provided, our student health insurance rates are very competitive compared to our peer institutions.

The recommended student health insurance rates are as follows:

LOCATION	ACTUAL RATE FALL SEMESTER 2018	ACTUAL RATE FALL SEMESTER 2017
<i>Urbana</i>	Undergraduate--\$455	Undergraduate--\$397
	Graduate--\$582	Graduate--\$508
<i>Chicago</i>	All students--\$570	All students--\$570
<i>Springfield</i>	All students--\$530	All students--\$516

The rates displayed are for the typical undergraduate, graduate, and professional student. Rates may vary for the summer session. Students needing coverage for their spouse and/or dependents voluntarily pay a separate charge.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs as well as the Interim Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller concur in these recommendations.

The President of the University recommends approval.