

THE JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
STUDENT HEALTH PROGRAM
FOR
HOUSE STAFF PARTICIPANTS

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

(December 1, 2006)

The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Student Health Program Summary Program Description (“SPD”) sets forth the medical benefits provided for eligible students and their dependents. The SPD was last updated effective July 1, 2006.

The School of Medicine has amended the Student Health Program, which requires the following changes to the SPD. These changes only apply to House Staff participants. (The Student Health Program for postdoctoral Fellows and Students is set forth in a separate SPD.) If you are a House Staff participant, please keep this 2006 Summary of Material Modifications together with your July, 2006 SPD so that you will have a complete explanation of your medical benefits.

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About Referrals

You are not required by the Student Health Program to get a referral in order to access covered care. However, many specialists will not see you unless you have been referred by a primary care physician. Therefore, to avoid any possible delay in getting to see a specialist, you are encouraged to initially access care through the University Health Service Center, which can provide you with a primary care physician referral to a specialist.

Coverage of Gardasil

As set forth on page 35 of your SPD, the Student Health Program normally does not cover adult immunizations and inoculations. (Immunizations for children are covered under the well-child care benefit.) Starting April 1, 2007, the Program will now cover the Gardasil vaccine against human papillomavirus, when given to females between the ages of 9 and 26.

Prescription Drug Benefits

The Program’s prescription drug benefits are described starting on page 21. Starting December 1, 2006, prescription drug benefits will be paid for Tretinoin. This changes the information under “What’s Not Covered”, so that Tretinoin is no longer excluded.

Emergency Services

The Program's emergency treatment benefits are described on pages 22-23. For a visit to the emergency room to be covered, the patient must have an "emergency medical situation". Starting December 1, 2006, the following visits to the emergency room will be automatically treated as an "emergency medical situation", regardless of whether the visit satisfies the other criteria set forth in the SPD:

- Visits for children under age two
- Visits where the claim form indicates a "sudden and serious" diagnosis
- Visits where the Care Management Program is notified by the patient's physician that the patient was referred to the emergency room

Please keep this Summary with your SPD for future reference. If you have any questions about any of the above changes, please contact your EHP Customer Service Representative.