

Davis SHIP COMMITTEE
PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

2013-14

Purpose:

The UC Davis student health care package combines the primary care services at Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) with medical, dental and vision insurance. The Student Health Insurance Plan (Davis SHIP) provides UC Davis students with affordable access to medical care beyond what is available at SHCS. Davis SHIP coverage is intended to assist students in meeting necessary medical costs while they are enrolled at UC Davis, thereby reducing the incidence of student dropouts and helping students to complete their educational goals.

The Davis SHIP Committee was formed to provide broad campus involvement in the maintenance and development of the Student Health Insurance Plan (Davis SHIP), and to provide informed advice to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs regarding Davis SHIP. The Committee endeavors to provide a health insurance plan that best meets the essential medical needs of most students at an affordable price. It recognizes that exceptional medical needs for a small number of students may be better met by alternative health plans.

Composition:

Students, university administration, and faculty are represented on the Committee. Members are appointed by the Vice Chancellor for a one-year term.

Objectives:

Maintain and develop Davis SHIP

- address changes in insurers, benefits, premiums and deductibles
- participate in insurance policy renewal process through:
 - discussion of renewal issues
 - gathering of input from students and other interested campus partners
 - recommendation to VC Student Affairs regarding future Davis SHIP benefits and premium

Facilitate interaction among the Committee, student representative bodies, and university administration

- Committee members consider “what is best for all students” to guide committee discussions and decisions. Interests of “constituent groups,” while considered by the Committee, are subordinate to the interests of UC Davis students as a whole.
- broad campus representation on Committee
- involvement of Committee members on other campus committees (SSFAAC, HFOC, etc.)
- communication by Committee members with individual students and student groups

Role of Student Health and Counseling Services:

Student Health and Counseling Services is responsible for the administration of Davis SHIP, including management of contracts, enrollment and eligibility, and other member issues.

SHCS also provides primary care, mental health care and medical referrals for Davis SHIP members when care is needed outside of SHCS. In its role as primary care provider, SHCS is the gatekeeper for Davis SHIP benefits—Davis SHIP covers only those services provided on the basis of a SHCS referral.

SHCS staff provides information, analysis and recommendations to the Davis SHIP Committee regarding Davis SHIP policy renewal and market bids.