



To: Massachusetts Colleges and Universities, Brokers, Legislators, Consumer Advocates and other stakeholders

From: The Massachusetts Health Connector

Re: Student Health Insurance Program - Subsidized Health Plans

This is a reminder to all colleges and universities in Massachusetts that the current SHIP regulations, effective January 2014 at 956 CMR 8.00, state that a school must allow students to waive their school's SHIP if they are enrolled in a subsidized health plan through the Health Connector or MassHealth, excluding MassHealth Limited, the Health Safety Net, or the Children's Medical Security Plan. To clarify, membership in all following subsidized programs currently offered through the Health Connector or MassHealth are among those that are now considered comparable under the regulations:

1. CommonwealthCare
2. ConnectorCare
3. MassHealth
4. Network Health Extend (formerly the Medical Security Program)

As such, for the 2014-2015 academic years, students that provide proof of coverage in one of the above plans should be allowed to waive their SHIP pursuant to state 956 CMR 8.05(2)(b).

Please feel free to call or email Heather Cloran at 617-933-3056 if you have any questions.