

Student Health Benefits Plan Select / Waive Process – How to Waive Coverage

1. Open a browser and navigate to buckeyelink.osu.edu
2. Click on the **Student Health Insurance** link under Popular Links at the bottom of the page.

The screenshot displays the Buckeye Link website interface. At the top, it says "Welcome to Buckeye Link" with navigation tabs for "Students", "Parents & Families", and "Staff & Faculty". The "Students" section is active, showing options for "Current Students" (with a "SIGN IN" button) and "Prospective Students". Below this is the "Popular Links" section, which is organized into three columns. The first column includes "Authorized Payer Setup", "Student Health Insurance" (highlighted with a red box), and "Student Information Release". The second column includes "Schedule Planner", "Add a Class", and "Class Search (SIS)". The third column includes "Authorized Payer (Guardian)", "Admin Buckeye Link (Staff View)", "Faculty Center", "BuckeyeLearn", and "Workday". To the right of the main content is a "Quick Links" sidebar with various service links. Below the sidebar are "Announcements" (stating "You're in the clear! No new announcements!") and "Contact Buckeye Link" (providing a help link, phone number, and office location). At the bottom, there is an "Ohio State" app promotion and download buttons for the App Store and Google Play.

3. Enter your name.# log in credentials.

4. Click the button next to Waive SHI Benefits Plan (I have other medical insurance for the academic year).
5. Select the Academic Terms and click NEXT.
 - a. *Reminder: Your waiver will stay in place for the remaining terms of the academic year. However, if you need to, you can newly Select the SHI Benefits Plan for spring/summer 2026. You can also select coverage at any time during the year if you have a Qualifying Event and meet eligibility requirements.*

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Student Health Benefits Plan - Select / Waive

Welcome to the Student Health Benefits Information Center.

Students enrolled at least half-time in a program of study must have health insurance. Before the deadline of your first term each academic year, you can choose the Student Health Benefits Plan ("SHBP") or waive it if you have other medical coverage in place for the academic year. Your choice becomes effective ONLY if you meet credit hour and course type eligibility. Visit shi.osu.edu for eligibility details.

LOOK ON YOUR STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT. You can confirm the status of your choice by confirming the Student Health Benefits Plan fee is on your Statement of Account. Check your fees regularly. Your eligibility may change as you add or drop classes.

If you miss the select/waive deadline, you will remain in the Student Health Benefits Plan for the year.

Please choose an insurance option below

Select Student Health Benefits Plan

Waive Student Health Benefits Plan (I verify I have other active health insurance for the academic year)

Student Health Insurance Links

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FAQs

Please select the Academic Term

*Academic Terms:



Insurance Period: August 19, 2025 to August 17, 2026



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6. Enter accurate information into all fields on this screen. Your insurance member ID card should contain all this information. SHI uses the information entered to verify you are compliant with the university's health insurance requirement. Errors or omissions will cause delays.
 - a. For the Insurance Company Plan box, click the magnifying glass for a list of common companies.
 - b. *No Payer ID is required if your company name is available in the list of common companies.*
 - c. If you do not see your company, click **Other** and you will be prompted with a new box to type the **Name** and **Payer ID**.
 - d. *The Payer ID is most often found on the back of the insurance card in the Provider or Claims submission section. It is usually five (5) alpha or numeric characters. If you are unable to locate it, enter NA or None.*

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Student Health Benefits Plan - Waiver Information

Academic Terms: AU25, SP26, SU26

Insurance Period: August 19, 2025 to August 17, 2026

In order to WAIVE OUT of the Student Health Benefits Plan, all students must complete this waiver process by the published deadline each year. Failure to do so results in continued enrollment in the Student Health Benefits Plan (assuming eligibility).

Insurance Company Information

Click on the magnifying glass to select the name of your insurance. If you don't see yours, select "Other" from the alphabetical list, and a new box will appear for you to type the name of your insurance.

*Insurance Company/Government Plan: 

*Insurance Company Telephone Number:



Policy Holder's Information

*Subscriber/Member/Insured Last Name:

*Subscriber/Member/Insured First Name:

Policy/Group Number (if available):

*Subscriber/Member/Insured ID:

Your ID (if different than above):



*Required Fields



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7. Click, I AGREE to submit your choice to Waive the SHI Benefits Plan with your other annual health insurance.

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Student Health Benefits Plan - Waiver Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that by submitting this form, I am waiving out of the Student Health Benefits Plan for the selected academic term(s).

In addition, I hereby certify:

- That I am currently enrolled in an active, primary individual or group health insurance policy that will remain in effect throughout the academic year;

- That I have compared my plan to the Student Health Benefits Plan and have determined the benefits to be comparable;

- I understand that the next opportunity I will have to enroll in the Student Health Benefits Plan will not be until the enrollment period for the following term, unless I experience a qualifying event;

- I will be solely responsible for all medical expenses and neither the Ohio State University nor the Ohio State Student Health Benefits Plan will be held responsible for any medical expenses that I incur.

I understand that the information provided herein is confidential and will be used for the sole purpose of documenting my decision to waive the Student Health Benefits Plan. Furthermore, I understand that this information will not be made available to any third party outside the Student Health Benefits Plan Account Administrator, without my expressed consent.

I am also granting The Ohio State University or its agent permission to verify this information through an audit process. If it is determined that the information provided on this form is invalid, I understand that I will be enrolled in and billed for the Student Health Benefits Plan.(assuming eligibility)

To complete this waiver process, click the "Agree" button once, then wait for your Confirmation Number to appear. This number will replace all your previous confirmation numbers.

I AGREE You have waived (have not enrolled in) the Student Health Benefits Plan for the selected academic term(s).



I DISAGREE You will be billed for the Student Health Benefits Plan for the selected academic term(s) if you meet the eligibility criteria.

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8. This Confirmation screen verifies that you completed the Select/Waive process to waive the SHI Benefits Plan. **A confirmation email will also be sent to your university email account.**

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Student Health Benefits Plan - Confirmation

Printer Format 

Coverage Selection: Waiver
Coverage Level: No Insurance Level
Coverage Period: August 19, 2025 to August 17, 2026
Academic Terms: AU25, SP26, SU26



Remember! It takes 2 business days for changes to be reflected on your Statement of Account.

Your confirmation number is: **001111393**



Thank you for completing the Select/Waive process! Please watch your university email for a confirmation of this transaction.

Need to make a change? You can modify your choice by repeating the process in My Buckeye Link prior to the published Select/Waive deadline.

The Select/Waive deadline can be found on our Rates, Dates and Deadlines page at <https://shi.osu.edu/shi-benefits-plan/rates-dates-and-deadlines>.

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NEXT STEPS: Monitor your Statement of Account to make sure the SHI fee is removed. It can take up to two business days for the fee to be removed. If the fee remains, your waiver is not enacted.