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To:   UW Graduate Appointees Eligible for the Graduate Appointee Insurance  
From:   UW Human Resources – Benefits  
Subject: Reminder - GAIP Plan Year ends September 30, 2017

The Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP) 2016-2017 plan year ends on September 30 and the new plan year begins October 1.

If eligible for fall quarter, you (individually) will be automatically re-enrolled to continue GAIP for the upcoming fall quarter of the 2017-2018 plan year and no further action is required. However, if you have eligible dependents whom you wish to cover under this plan, FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED. You are responsible for enrolling your eligible dependents in the Plan by October 31 through the plan administrator and insurer, LifeWise Assurance Company (LifeWise) at https://student.lifewiseac.com/uw/gaip/

If you were covered by GAIP during summer quarter but will lose eligibility starting fall quarter your coverage will end on September 30.

As an Academic Student Employee (ASE), there are a few ways to be eligible for GAIP coverage. For specifics about GAIP eligibility requirements, see http://hr.uw.edu/benefits/health-insurance/graduate-appointees-health-insurance/gaip-eligibility-and-coverage/

If you were covered by GAIP during summer quarter but will lose eligibility starting fall quarter, then the Continuation of Coverage option will made available to you. In this case, LifeWise will send materials to your home after mid-October with instructions on how to continue your GAIP coverage. For more information about continuation, see: http://hr.uw.edu/benefits/health-insurance/graduate-appointees-health-insurance/gaip-continuation-of-coverage/

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at uwgaip@uw.edu, or 206-543-4444.