

Please read: UW GAIP health insurance

Notification highlights:

It is important that you read this email thoroughly, but here are some highlights to get you started:

- **UW Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP)** is UW's medical insurance for eligible graduate appointees.
- **GAIP coverage begins October 1** for eligible graduate appointees.
- **Expect your LifeWise confirmation of coverage email by the second week of October.** Contact LifeWise (800-971-1491) or the UW Benefits office (206-543-4444) if you have an urgent need for coverage to begin October 1.
- **GAIP Orientation** is being held on September 19, 2022 at 10:30 AM [Register here](#).
- **Dependents must be enrolled at the beginning of every plan year** even if they were enrolled in GAIP coverage during the 2021-2022 plan year. Enroll dependents during fall quarter open enrollment (10/1 – 10/31).

Eligibility

The Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP) is the UW's medical insurance program for eligible academic student employees, is administered through the LifeWise Assurance Company, and is available to UW graduate students employed in one of the following [GAIP-eligible appointments](#):

- RA/TA/SA
- Pre-doctoral instructor
- A benefits-eligible fellowship or traineeship earning at least \$800 per month
- Paid-Direct Fellowship paying at least \$800 per month

Your department must enter and approve your appointments/distributions in Workday on or before October 4, 2022. **Eligible appointees are then automatically enrolled in individual coverage and will be sent a welcome letter and/or email from LifeWise by the second week of October, which includes important instructions for enrolling dependents.** [Contact LifeWise \[student.lifewiseac.com\]](#) if you have an urgent need for coverage on or after October 1 but haven't yet received your enrollment confirmation. You can also contact the UW Benefits office at (206) 543-4444.

[Log into Workday](#) to ensure your UW email and home addresses are current so you will receive notices without delay. Not sure if you are eligible? Contact your department's payroll coordinator for confirmation of your eligibility status.

GAIP orientation webinar session

This one-hour remote webinar has a panel of GAIP experts to teach you everything you need know about your GAIP eligibility requirements, enrollment, health benefits, and more. Don't worry, if you aren't able to make it to one of this live session, we will post the recording on the [GAIP orientations webpage](#).

Monday, September 19, 2022

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

[Register here](#)

Note: You'll receive the Zoom meeting details when you register.

Fall Quarter Coverage Dates and Deadlines

October 1: GAIP coverage begins for those who are eligible. For students who are losing eligibility for UW-paid GAIP coverage starting fall quarter LifeWise will send a COBRA notice to your home address in mid-October.

October 31: Deadline to enroll dependent(s) on the LifeWise website. Enroll dependents after you've received your welcome letter from LifeWise, which includes instructions on how to use the LifeWise Dependent Enrollment tool. Note: dependents must be re-enrolled at the start of each plan year.

November 10, November 23, and December 9: Payroll deductions for dependent coverage will happen on these dates. Find information about GAIP premiums on the GAIP website.

December 31: Fall quarter GAIP coverage ends

About LifeWise

LifeWise provides claims, eligibility, customer service and dependent enrollment customer service support. Visit the [LifeWise member portal \[student.lifewiseac.com\]](http://student.lifewiseac.com) to view claims data and access benefit information, verify appointee and dependent eligibility, download temporary ID cards, utilize health tools for traveling abroad, access customer service representatives trained in GAIP benefits and eligibility requirements, and look up network providers, including contracted providers outside of Washington.

Other helpful links

[Graduate Appointee Insurance Program](#): general information about your health insurance benefit

Thank you!
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