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Dear Sackler Students,

The renewal rates for the student group of *Tufts Health Plan (THP)* for the 2009-2010 academic year, beginning September 1, 2009 and ending August 31, 2010 are listed below. The renewal rates apply to the following: School of Dental Medicine, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, School of Medicine, Public Health & Professional Degree Programs, Sackler Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine. The new rates reflect a 10% increase above the current rates for Individual and Two-Person Plans and a 21.5% increase for the Family Plan.

| <u>Plan</u> | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Annually</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Individual | \$273 | \$3,276 |
| Student & Spouse, or Child | \$632 | \$7,584 |
| Family | \$818 | \$9,816 |

Students currently enrolled in the student group of *Tufts Health Plan* **do not** need to complete a new application.

Plan changes as of 9/01/09: The co-payments for Inpatient Hospital Care and Outpatient Day Surgery increased to \$500 per admission (maximum of \$2000 for Individual and \$4000 for Family, per calendar year). The Emergency Room co-payment has increased to \$50 per visit. There are no changes in other co-payments. A “Summary of *Tufts Health Plan* Benefits” can be found at: www.tufts.edu/saha/insurance.html.

Students, who previously waived, may enroll in *Tufts Health Plan* during Open Enrollment, which is during the month of August 2009, with an effective date of enrollment of September 1, 2009. Open Enrollment is also the time when currently enrolled members may add eligible dependents, without a qualifying event. Students, who waive *THP* for September 1st, may enroll at the time of a qualifying event, defined as “loss of coverage through no fault of your own” during the other 11 months of the year. Contact the Student Advisory & Health Administration Office (SAHA) for more details.

A *Tufts Health Plan* Member Enrollment Form, Instructions, and Payroll Deduction Form can be printed from www.tufts.edu/saha/forms.html. The Payroll Deduction Form must be completed to have the insurance cost deducted from your monthly stipend. **Health insurance forms are due by August 31, 2009.**

If you have an alternate qualifying health insurance plan, which can be used in Massachusetts, you must complete the 2009-2010 Sackler Health Insurance Waiver Form. Waiver Forms are linked on your tuition e-bill, and can be printed from: www.tufts.edu/saha/forms.html.

The State Health Insurance Requirements are listed on the waiver, including the level of coverage. Alternate coverage must meet the minimum State requirements. Note that insurance underwritten by carriers from outside the United States are **not** acceptable. The new regulations can be found at: <http://www.tufts.edu/saha/images/WaiverRegula2009.pdf>

A Sackler School Waiver must be submitted to the SAHA Office by August 31, 2009.

The mandatory health administration fee for academic year 2009-2010 is \$200. Please feel welcome to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Linton
Student Health Administrator