**HUSHP Newborn Enrollment Information**

**What should I do to ensure that my newborn child will have health insurance after birth?**
It is very important that you enroll your newborn in HUSHP since newborns are **not automatically covered** under the student’s health plan. Applications can be submitted online at http://hushp.harvard.edu/.

**How long do I have to enroll my baby for health coverage under my plan?**
Newborns must be enrolled within **45 days** of their birthday.

- The newborn’s coverage will be retroactive to their date of birth providing the newborn is enrolled in HUSHP within the 45 day period. The cost of the insurance will also be pro-rated to the date of birth.

**What documentation is needed to enroll my baby in HUSHP?**
A statement of birth from the hospital or birth certificate is required. The statement of birth should include the child's full legal name, date of birth, and parents’ name.

- Documentation can be uploaded online during the enrollment process. In the event that you are unable to upload the document, please mail, email or drop off the certificate of birth to the HUSHP Member Services Department.
- The newborn application will remain on hold until the documentation is received.

**What happens if I enroll my newborn after the open enrollment period?**
If you enroll your child 46 days or more after birth:

- The newborn coverage will start the day the student completes the online HUSHP enrollment application
- A late enrollment penalty fee will be assessed
- The student is responsible for all services rendered for the baby prior to the start date of the HUSHP coverage

**What does the HUSHP coverage include?**
The coverage includes **both** the Student Health Fee and Student Health Insurance. The **Student Health Fee** covers most services on campus at Harvard University Health Services (HUHS), including internal medicine and specialty care. The **Student Insurance Plan** consists of hospital/specialty care coverage administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and prescription drug coverage through Catamaran RX. Visit hushp.harvard.edu to learn more.

**Where can I take my newborn for care?**
Pediatric primary care is offered on-site at Harvard University Health Services. Or, if you choose to receive routine/preventive newborn care through a Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO provider, copayments/deductibles and coinsurance may apply. [Read more](#)

**Questions?**
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