ATTENTION RECENT SPRING 2014 UH GRADUATES

Congratulations on all of your collegiate accomplishments at the University of Houston. Graduation brings excitement and anticipation. As you think of the future and all of the opportunities you want to pursue, there are many life choices before you, such as a career or continued educational experiences.

Among the many decisions to be made, have you given any thought to your health care choices?

With the recent implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, health coverage is now more accessible and important than ever. There are multiple options for a recent college graduate, such as employer-based coverage, continuation on your parents’ policy until the age of 26, or choosing your own individual coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace at www.healthcare.gov.

As a recent graduate, you may be experiencing a loss of healthcare coverage due to expired student health insurance or moving away from home. These changes prompt the “Special Enrollment Period,” which allows a 60-day window for students to sign up for coverage through the marketplace even though the open enrollment period for this year has ended.

Departing students who do not have insurance through a job or new educational opportunity have two options through the new health insurance law:

To check out the marketplace: www.healthcare.gov
To potentially stay on their parents insurance until they are 26 years of age

Information regarding your health care coverage choices can be found here.

As you transition to off-campus health care after graduation, you are invited to continue to utilize the UH Health Center during Summer 2014. The only requirement is a one-time $10 fee each summer session to obtain care at UH student pricing for services provided. (Additional charges are required for office visits, procedures, supplies, lab work and pharmacy; these charges are lower if you have the UH-endorsed student health insurance coverage for Spring-Summer 2014.) Make an appointment by contacting your UH Health Center at 713.743.5156.

We wish you the best of health in your new endeavors as a University of Houston graduate.

www.uh.edu/healthcenter

For insurance questions, call 713-743-5137.