Lafayette Students and Families:

The College requires all students to have adequate health insurance while attending Lafayette. As you prepare for the 2017-2018 academic year, we ask you to carefully consider your health insurance options. The Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) is serviced by University Health Plans and new for 2017-18 will be underwritten by Aetna Student Health. Students will automatically be enrolled in the SHIP; the enrollment will result in an automatic premium charge of $1,597 to the student’s College account and can only be removed if the student waives enrollment by providing proof of acceptable alternative coverage. Students and parents should promptly access www.universityhealthplans.com to learn more about the SHIP. Students who have an out-of-area HMO (e.g. Kaiser Permanente) should not waive SHIP coverage, as those types of plans provide only emergency coverage in the Easton Area.

If you wish to waive enrollment in the SHIP, access the Lafayette College link found at www.universityhealthplans.com and submit the online waiver. The waiver deadline is August 1, 2017. Once enrollment is waived, you may only enroll in the SHIP later in the year if your existing coverage ceases due to IRS-qualifying event such as change in subscriber’s employment status or change in marital status.

Please closely evaluate your coverage to make an informed decision regarding your student’s health insurance needs while enrolled at Lafayette College. As mentioned above, the charge for the SHIP premium of $1,597 will be automatically billed to a Lafayette student’s account and will only be removed if you affirmatively waive enrollment by August 1, 2017. Additional question regarding SHIP, including the cost of the plan, may be directed to University Health Plans at 800-437-6448 or at www.universityhealthplans.com.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jeffrey E. Goldstein, Health Services Director