FAQs – Students

We recognize that students across the Institute may have questions about access to services and health coverage in the aftermath of the Supreme Court’s Dobbs ruling. We have created the following FAQs to support questions from across campus.

Abortion remains legal in the State of California. However, this is an evolving situation with respect to students who travel to other states where access to abortion services may be restricted. As a result, we will continue to update these FAQs as more information becomes available.

**Does the Caltech medical plan currently cover abortion services, including medication abortion?**

Yes. Abortion and related prescription drugs are covered under the Caltech medical plan. The court’s decision has not changed the coverage provided in our plan.

However, access to services may be impacted depending on the state in which you reside.

**Does the Caltech medical plan cover emergency contraception?**

Yes. Abortion and related prescription drugs are covered under the Caltech medical plan. The court’s decision has not changed the coverage provided in our plan.

However, access to services may be impacted depending on the state in which you reside.

**Does Caltech plan to provide travel benefits within the Caltech medical plan to students who reside in or travel to a state where abortion services are restricted or soon to be restricted?**

Caltech intends to make travel benefits available in its student medical plan. We are actively engaged in discussions with our medical insurance carrier, benefits consultants, and advisors to understand the best options for supporting students’ access to health care services. We do know that you must be enrolled in Caltech’s student medical plan in order to qualify for the travel benefit.

We will communicate any future changes to the community. In the meantime, if you have a specific situation requiring urgent attention, please contact HR for immediate assistance.

**How can I find out more information about services available to me and my covered dependents?**

The full details of the Institute’s medical plan coverage can be viewed on HR’s Student Benefits website.
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