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To: UW Graduate Appointees Eligible for the Graduate Appointee Insurance

From: UW Human Resources – Benefits

Subject: Reminder - GAIP Coverage ends September 30, 2016

The Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP) 2015-2016 plan year ends on September 30 and the new plan year begins on October 1. This means that if you currently have GAIP coverage (UW or self-paid) through summer quarter 2016, your coverage may end on September 30 depending on your eligibility.

As an Academic Student Employee (ASE), you are considered eligible for GAIP coverage provided that you have a GAIP-eligible appointment as a RA/TA beginning this fall quarter, or have a stipend earning more than \$800 per month, or are receiving a Paid Direct Fellowship paying at least \$800 a month. For more information about GAIP eligibility requirements, see <http://www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/insure/gaip/eligible.html>

Eligible ASEs will be automatically re-enrolled to continue GAIP for the upcoming fall quarter of the 2016-2017 plan year with coverage beginning on October 1, 2016. However, FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED if you have eligible dependents whom you wish to cover under this plan. In this case you are responsible for enrolling them in the Plan by October 31 through the plan administrator and insurer, LifeWise Assurance Company (LifeWise) at <https://student.lifewiseac.com/uw/gaip/>

If you were covered by GAIP during summer quarter but will lose eligibility starting fall quarter, then the Continuation of Coverage option will be made available to you. In this case, LifeWise will send materials to your home after mid-October with instructions on how to continue your GAIP coverage. For more information about continuation, see: <http://www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/insure/gaip/continue-coverage.html>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [benefits@uw.edu](mailto:benefits@uw.edu)