Coverage for International Travel through UnitedHealthcare for The George Washington University Health Plans.

Health insurance coverage while traveling abroad is available. To find out what type of coverage you have it is best to contact your insurance company customer service unit prior to any travel. Coverage may include expenses for medications, doctors’ visits and hospitalizations.

In some countries, you may be asked to pay for medical expenses and seek reimbursement from your insurance company even though you have insurance coverage.

Also be sure to inquire about the coverage of costs to transport you back home should you become hospitalized. These expenses may not be routinely covered.

If you seek services outside of the United States of America, your claims will be processed as out of network. See your benefit summary for the out of network benefit coverage outline.

Important Information for Submitting Your Medical Claim

- Download Foreign Claim Form from www.myuhc.com

- Faxing a Claim - Illegible faxes received in our mailroom will be returned to you via the fax number used to send the document to us. Therefore, when faxing correspondence to us, please make sure you use a fax machine where you can also receive correspondence.

- Submitting original documents is always helpful in expediting the processing of your claim. When possible, send the original claim, itemized bill, and medical records. This is especially helpful for inpatient hospital bills. Always remember to keep a copy of all documentation for your records.

- If possible, ask the provider of service to write the bill in English and convert the currency to U.S. Dollars.
If the provider of service is not able to present the bill or claim in English and U.S. Dollars, do not perform the translation and currency exchange yourself. UnitedHealthcare will provide these services for you.

Remember that all plan-filing rules apply to international claims. Submit your claims as soon as possible after treatment is rendered.

If payment is to be issued to you, please submit a proof of payment. A cancelled check, cash receipt, charge receipt, or handwritten receipt from the medical provider is acceptable.

If you have a U.S. address for the receipt of mail, please make sure that your employer is aware of this address so they may supply it to us for the mailing of your check and/or explanation of benefits.

International bills can be more complicated than a regular U.S. bill due to language and currency conversion and/or the receipt of additional information required to process the claim. As a result, it may take longer to process your claim.

Your international claim payment information is available on www.myuhc.com. Please use this as a resource when checking the status of your claim.

If a reasonable amount of time has passed, and after checking www.myuhc.com for the status of your claim, you still have questions regarding the status or payment of your claim, please call the Member Services number on the back of your ID card.

Please remember to contact us within 48 hours, or as soon as it is reasonably possible to do so, following any emergency admission to a hospital or other facility. UnitedHealthcare’s Care Coordination Department may be reached from outside the country at 00 1-800-842-3920.