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There seems to be some new Health Insurance conditions for all J-1 visa holders all over the USA, and UCI has also recently changed its requirements in partnership with "Garnett Powers & Associates, Inc.". In this regard, these are some comments that I hope will be valuable to other students:

- There are lots of health plans that satisfy the federal J-1 visa conditions
- UCI J-1 Health Insurance requirements seem to be tailor-made to satisfy only "Garnett Powers & Associates, Inc." health plan
- At the same time, Garnett Powers & Associates, Inc. is in charge of approving the waivers for those who want to use another health plan
- It took us many days searching on the internet and calling insurance companies to find a plan that satisfies UCI conditions and is not the one offered by Garnett Powers & Associates, Inc.
- The only plan we could find was branded as PGH Global, and seems to belong to UnitedHealthcare Student Resources (the same group as the Garnett Powers & Associates, Inc. health plan)
- Looking at the flyers, the differences between the PGH Global plan and Garnett Powers & Associates, Inc. plan, don't seem to justify the price difference: \$455 vs \$2070 for 6 months - (note also that a health plan that satisfies the federal J-1 conditions may be easily found for less than \$300).

I recommend one of the PGH Global health plans for future incoming J-1 visa holders (found at <http://www.pghstudent.com/> ) except the PGH Global Basic plan, which is not enough to satisfy UCI requirements.

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