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Dear Students,

We are writing to provide you with important information about a fraud scheme targeting UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP) members. We have information that the perpetrators of this scheme are actively soliciting UC students in variety of ways to obtain their UC SHIP membership information. However, we do not have information at this time indicating that you have been impacted by this scheme. We are sharing this information out of caution to assist our students in protecting themselves and their health information.

The scheme involved enrolling UC students in sham “clinical trials” and “recruiting” them at campus job fairs. UC believes both tactics were ploys to gain access to the students’ health insurance information and then write millions of dollars in phony prescriptions. The university has taken immediate action to protect our students and the UC SHIP plan from this kind of abuse and is conducting an in-depth, ongoing investigation with our legal counsel and law enforcement. Additional information about the scheme, what UC is doing to take action, and important information about how to protect your health information and your identity can be found at http://go.ucr.edu/insurance.

This information is being shared out of caution to assist our students in protecting your information. We do not have information at this time indicating that you have been impacted by this scheme.

Sincerely,

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