BEFORE YOU GO ABROAD TO CERN

This form is also available on the LNS website at [http://web.mit.edu/lns/services/abroad-info.html](http://web.mit.edu/lns/services/abroad-info.html) and Physics Department at [http://web.mit.edu/physics/policies/index.html](http://web.mit.edu/physics/policies/index.html).

Please notify by email Cathy Modica ([cmodica@mit.edu](mailto:cmodica@mit.edu)) in Physics Education and Elsy Luc ([elsye@mit.edu](mailto:elsye@mit.edu)) in LNS Headquarters as soon as you know that you will be going abroad.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY WHILE ABROAD

**INTERNATIONAL SOS (ISOS):**

*Call collect from anywhere in the world*  
(+1 215 942 8226 / MIT ID #: 11BSGC000066)

MIT has contracted with the travel assistance company, International SOS (ISOS), to provide emergency medical, security evacuation and other support services to faculty, staff, and students who are traveling abroad on MIT business. International SOS has 24-hour alarm centers, international clinics, and remote-site medical facilities covering five continents. Call collect any time (+1 215 942 8226 MIT ID #11BSGC000066). International calling codes for the United States vary please check this [website](http://web.mit.edu/physics/policies/index.html) for the correct code.

You are strongly advised to visit the MIT’s International SOS Program Portal. This custom-designed site has a wealth of resources providing country-specific medical and security travel advice as well as a list of all ISOS benefits. You can sign up for email alerts, register your trip, and print a copy of the ISOS Membership card. We also encourage you to download the ISOS App onto your mobile device prior to your travel.

During your time abroad, the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan will cover your care if you have a medical emergency or need urgent medical care anywhere in the world. If you receive emergency or urgent care from a provider or facility that participates with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS), the provider or facility will simply bill Blue Cross for your treatment.

You may receive non-routine, non-urgent care when you are out of the area, including office visits to healthcare providers for illnesses or injuries, maternity care, mental health and substance abuse services, diagnostic tests, and physical therapy. Your out-of-pocket costs will always be lower if you receive these services from a Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)-participating provider (Preferred Provider).
FINDING BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD (BCBS) PROVIDERS
Outside of the country: To find a BCBS-participating provider (Preferred Provider) outside of the U.S., go to BlueCard Worldwide. Click on the accept button in the box to your right, then enter the first three letters of the identification code on your insurance card (MTP) and click "GO."

The screen below will load. From the "Select a Provider Type" area box, choose "Hospital/Inpatient"
The screen below will appear. Choose a “Specialty”, if known, choose “Country”, “City” and “Range” and hit **Search**.

The below list will populate. You should always try to use the "**Preferred Provider,**" but for an emergency, you should go to the nearest hospital facility.
For Outpatient services, you would simply choose Outpatient from the "Select a Provider Type" and follow steps as before.

TIPS FOR TRAVELING ON MIT BUSINESS:


KNOW WHO TO GO TO WHEN YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WHILE AT CERN:

- Students: at CERN: senior group members
  at MIT: Physics Academic Administrator Cathy Modica ([cmodica@mit.edu](mailto:cmodica@mit.edu)) or your group’s administrative assistant; MIT sponsoring program ([MISTI](http://icc.mit.edu/travel-abroad/safety-and-security)) if applicable

ISSUES AROUND HOUSING:

Terminating your MIT campus housing:

- If you get a letter from your supervisor stating you are being stationed overseas, you will not be required to pay a termination fee. [http://housing.mit.edu/graduatefamily/moving_out](http://housing.mit.edu/graduatefamily/moving_out)

Finding temporary housing:


Apartment hunting near CERN:

- [http://www.regierhonne.ch](http://www.regierhonne.ch)
• Young@CERN: 

• Seloger.com:  http://www.seloger.com/ - helpful in comparing apartments by area, price and criteria.

**FORMAL REGISTRATION AT CERN:**

*CERN Users Office:*

Responsible for documentation, provides information to newcomers

http://usersoffice.web.cern.ch

*Information on registration:*

http://usersoffice.web.cern.ch/new-registration

*Home Institution form:*


requires an appropriate MIT signature:

- Students: Physics Academic Administrator Cathy Modica (cmodica@mit.edu)

**HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH INSURANCE**

- **MIT Student Medical Plan:** included with tuition, provides students with access to most services at MIT Medical at no additional charge.

- **MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan:** provides further coverage, including prescriptions, off-campus specialty care, and hospitalization. For coverage beyond the MIT Student Medical Plan, nearly 70 percent of MIT students choose the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan. Students registered for 27 units or more per term are automatically enrolled in, and billed for, the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan. If you’re covered by the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan, you can use those benefits anywhere in the world.

*Medical Emergencies*

The MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan covers your care if you have a medical emergency or need urgent medical care anywhere in the world. If you receive emergency or urgent care from a provider or facility that participates with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS), the provider or facility will simply bill Blue Cross for your treatment. However, if you receive care from a non-participating provider, you may have to pay for your care up front and **file a claim** for reimbursement.

*Mental Health Care*

When you see a clinician outside MIT Medical, those services are covered by the supplemental insurance plan—either the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan or your other comprehensive plan.

- If you are covered by the MIT Student Extended Plan, and you see a mental health clinician who participates in the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) PPO, your first 12 visits in a calendar year are covered in full (100%). After that, you will have a $25 copay for each visit.

- If you are covered by the MIT Student Extended Plan, and you see a mental health clinician who does NOT participate in the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) PPO, your first 12 visits in a calendar year are covered at 100 percent of the BCBS allowed amount. After that, your insurance will cover 80 percent of the allowed amount, and you will pay the other 20 percent. For all of your visits, your clinician may bill you for the difference between the BCBS allowed amount and his or her charges. This is something you should discuss with your clinician ahead of time.
If you are covered by your parents’ insurance or another insurance plan, that plan’s rules will apply. Most plans specify the number of visits per year that are fully covered or that require a small copayment. For many plans, coverage may apply only to a limited set of providers.

Counseling: individual and group practices
(all listings are from http://geneva.angloinfo.com/af/465/geneva-counselling-and-therapists.html)

Cabinet HD3 – Resources for Mind and Body
http://www.therapygeneva.ch
Experienced and multi-cultural group of professional therapists offering a range of services in central Geneva including psychotherapy, rolfing, stress and anger management and life coaching. We work with individuals, couples, children and groups.

Yukako W. Chang, MS – Counselor/Psychotherapist
http://www.mindfullnesscounseling.ch/

Rachel Chevallier Counselling & Psychotherapy
http://rachelchevallier.ch/
For families, couples and individuals wishing to overcome mental and physical distress. By certified FSP psychologist/psychotherapist working with alternative MD. Covered by complementary insurances. At 61 Rue Prévost-Martin, 1205 Geneva.

Bea M. Jaffrey – Psychological Counsellor, PsyD, DPsych candidate
http://www.live-best-life.com/#
Personal development for couples and individuals, positive psychology, cognitive therapy, marriage counselling, relationships, IVF support, sex therapy. Psychotherapy in English and Swedish. In Coppet. Free parking. Evenings and weekends available.

David Schiesher, MSW – Experienced Psychotherapist
http://www.david-schiesher.com/psychotherapy.html
American born and trained, providing gentle and effective holistic therapy to adolescents, adults and couples using a variety of methods treating a variety of issues. ASCA certified for insurance reimbursement. Central Geneva.

Isabel Thompson
Tel: 079 205 2503
Experienced professional counselor providing individual and couples counseling and coaching services in central Geneva since 2006. Specializes in CBT and short term counseling in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. Skype/Online consultations.

Wellness Counseling Geneva
https://wellnesscounselinggeneva.wordpress.com
Offers counseling to those seeking support during difficult times. Treats individuals and couples facing a variety of issues. ASCA certified for insurance reimbursement. English and French spoken. At 3 Avenue Henri-Dunant, 1205 Geneva.

Young Adult Counseling
http://www.youngadultcounseling.com/
Psychological counseling for young adults in the Geneva region. Services are in English. Sliding scale rates are available. At 150 Route de Ferney, 1211 Geneva.
Other Out-of-Area Care

The MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan does not cover routine care outside of MIT Medical. “Routine care” would include such things as regular physical or gynecological exams, allergy testing, and most immunizations, including flu shots and travel vaccines.

However, you may receive non-routine, non-urgent care when you are out of the area, including office visits to healthcare providers for illnesses or injuries, maternity care, mental health and substance abuse services, diagnostic tests, and physical therapy. Your out-of-pocket costs will always be lower if you receive these services from a Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)-participating provider.

Finding Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) providers

- To find a BCBS-participating provider outside of the U.S., go to BlueCard Worldwide, and log in by entering the first three letters of the identification code on your insurance card
- Inside the US, find a provider at http://provider.bcbs.com

Additional links on insurance coverage and usage:

- Complete information on Student Medical Plan: https://medical.mit.edu/mit-health-plans/student-health-plans
- Form to request documentation of your insurance coverage: at https://medical.mit.edu/health-plans/insurance-coverage-letter-request
- If you have questions about what your insurance covers, write to mservices@med.mit.edu
- To purchase insurance and file for reimbursement with MIT Benefits if you are permanently stationed outside the US: http://www.cmsaf.mit.edu/twiki/pub/MITInfo/WebHome/CERNHealth.pdf