

Pharmacy Options

You may use the Schiffert Health Center pharmacy or an outside pharmacy.

The Affordable Health Care Act made it so most insurance covers FDA approved methods of birth control usually without a co-pay. Most insurances cover three cycles of a generic birth control pill without a co-pay. They usually do not cover brand name birth control pills. Outside pharmacies will accept 3 cycles of birth control with 3 refills. This is only 12 cycles which may not make a full year. The pharmacy will fax the healthcare provider and ask for enough birth control to complete the year. You will need to take your insurance card or information to an outside pharmacy with you.

If you do not have insurance or do not want to use your insurance you may use the Schiffert Health Center Pharmacy. It carries several types of birth control at reasonable costs. We do not take insurance directly at this time. The pharmacy will give you an itemized bill to turn into your insurance if you ask.

If you have the Aetna student insurance it may be better for you to get your birth control from Schiffert and let Aetna reimburse you. Check with the insurance office to see what is best for you.

One advantage of using Schiffert Health Center's Pharmacy, besides convenience, is that you can purchase as many cycles of birth control as you need at any time. If you are studying abroad this may help you get the number of cycles you will need while away. You may also take what you need for the summer or take all 13 cycles with you when you graduate.

Prescriptions may be transferred from pharmacy to pharmacy but refills are frequently lost with transfers.

If you would like to fill your prescription at SHC have SHC pharmacist call pharmacy where prescription originated and verify prescription.

To transfer from SHC pharmacy to an outside pharmacy, request the receiving pharmacy's pharmacist call (540)231-8103 to verify the prescription.