## **Student Health Insurance Information**

Hudson County Community College is no longer required to provide health insurance to students. On July 5, 2013, Gov, Chris Christie signed into law a bill that eliminates the requirement for full-time students at institutions of Higher Education in New Jersey to have health insurance. This change is the result of the federal Affordable Care Act and the New Jersey State Student Health Insurance Bill. This will become effective for the Fall 2013 semester.

Students who wish to purchase health insurance are encouraged to visit the following two websites to learn about their health insurance options:

http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/division\_insurance/ihcseh/shop\_ihc.htm

https://www.healthcare.gov/

These sites offer information about available health insurance plans, premiums, deductibles and out-of-pocket costs, and Medicaid options to cover individuals making under \$14,400 a year. In addition, they also explain the parameters for students to stay on their parents' health plans up to the age of 31. Additionally, information is provided on the national call center where students can connect with knowledgeable people who will assist them with the health insurance enrollment process.