

Student Financial Planning

P&S Family Orientation Panel

August 14, 2017

- **Should the same package be expected for all 4 years? How will my package change?**
 - Medical students who wish to be considered for school need based and for federal aid need to reapply every year. If there's a significant change in the family's financial situation a different package is to be expected. Please refer to our MD Financial Aid handbook for more information about applying for financial aid.
<http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/student/finaid/pdf/17-18/MDHDBK17-18.pdf>

- **What if my family's situation changes and it's not reflected on the prior year tax return, what do I do? Can my financial aid package be revised?**
 - If your family's financial situation changes and it is not reflected on your tax return next year please speak to your financial aid officer directly for further instructions. Also, please provide details under the special circumstances section on the CSS Profile form before submitting next year's financial aid application.

- **When is the bill due?**
 - The Fall bill is due September 15, 2017 and the Spring bill is due January 26, 2018
 - Payment Plan options are available: <http://sfs.columbia.edu/content/monthly-payment-plan>
 - The bill can be viewed on Student Services Online and parents can be set up as authorized users on SSOL: <http://sfs.columbia.edu/content/authorizing-parent-pay>