



International Student & Scholar Services Office (ISSS)

HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES INFORMATION

Health Insurance is required by law for a visitor entering the US on a J-1 visa as a student or scholar. For F-1 students it is required by the university. The US Department of State and Southern Methodist University policy requires health insurance which meets the following standards:

- Medical Benefits of at least \$50,000 US dollars per accident or illness.
- Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$7,500 US dollars (Definition of Repatriation: If a person dies in a foreign country, we say they are “repatriated” when their body is returned to the native country. Repatriation insurance is used for transportation expenses related to returning the deceased to their native country.)
- Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the
▪ nonimmigrant visitor to home country in the amount of \$10,000 US.
- Deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness.

For those seeking the J-1 visa for non student scholars The SMU International Office will not issue an DS-2019 for a J-1 visa request until the department produces proof of health insurance which is in compliance with the above government regulations.

The following insurance companies may be contacted to purchase this health insurance if the visitor is not eligible for SMU benefits OR if the student is not eligible for the SMU International Student Insurance Group Health Plan OR is in need of immediate coverage. Students not in credit hour programs may not be eligible for enrollment in the SMU Health Plan. Regardless of the situation, below is a list of health insurance providers for students and scholars: They are:

1. International SOS Assistance, Inc provides medical evacuation and repatriation insurance which will supplement other policies to bring them into compliance with the above regulations.

800 767 1403

scholastic@internationalsos.com

www.internationalsos.com

2. Macori, Inc.

800-285-8133

macori@macori.com

www.macori.com

3. Seabury & Smith 800-331-3047 fax: 202-367-5076
4. International SOS Assistance, Inc. 800-767-1403 fax: 215-244-0165
scolastic@internationalsos.com www.internationalsos.com
5. Travel Medical Insurance Assoc. 888-681-8642
tmi@citynet.net www.travelmedicalinsurance.com
6. Insurance for students 800-356-1235
International community service
i4cs@aol.com or info@icsweb.org
On-line Info & enrollment: www.icsweb.org
7. HTH worldwide insurance services 800-242-4178 Fax:703-322-1636
www.hthworldwide.com
8. Overall student Benefits international 800-747-8869
9. Collegiate Risk Management 1-800-922-3420 (This is the policy SMU uses for all students)
www.collegiateriskmanagement.com click on “International” link **(Please note: For this insurance company only; if you will be continuing in a credit hour program at SMU you can only self enroll for the time period you will not be in a credit hour program. SMU will enroll you automatically with this company as an SMU International Student at the start of your credit hour program and only by semester for the time period you are in a credit hour program at SMU. Please call us if you have questions.)**

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