

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
Memorial Health Center

July 16, 2008

Dear International SMU Students:

On behalf of the Student Health Center, I would like to welcome you as a new or returning International student to Southern Methodist University (SMU) for the 2008-2009 Academic year.

SMU is very concerned about the health and well-being of all of our students and we at the Student Health Center are here to serve and provide for your medical care while attending the University. To make sure that you have appropriate health care coverage, SMU is requiring that all International Students maintain the University Student Health Insurance Plan as a condition of enrollment. For the 2008-2009 Academic year, the University has partnered with Academic Health Plans, Inc. (AHP) and ACE American Insurance Company to provide high-quality health insurance coverage to our students and their dependents.

The Plan provides coverage for accidents and sicknesses, hospitalizations, emergency room, surgery, maternity and other services. Students getting treated at the Student Health Center will have no waiting period for pre-existing conditions and your deductible will be waived. The Plan also provides global emergency services for medical evacuations and repatriation.

International Students need to enroll on-line by going to www.AHPCare.com/smu and pay via credit card or e-check. Any student not enrolled by September 12, 2008 will automatically be enrolled and premium will be charged to your Student Access Account.

The insurance will be waived for international students sponsored by the U.S. Government, a foreign government recognized by the United States of America, or certain international, government sponsored or non-government organizations. Waivers will be based on the government or organization guaranteeing payment of all health care expenses including medical evacuation and repatriation. The insurance can also be waived for students who provide documented evidence of comparable health insurance coverage, including medical evacuation and repatriation, by a U.S. employer. Under either circumstance listed above, documentation, including a copy of the health insurance policy or certificate and Insurance ID card, must be presented to the Student Health Center prior to registration in order to be considered.

Should you have any questions, please call Krista Pruitt, Insurance Coordinator at the Student Health Center at (214) 768-3408 or kpruitt@smu.edu or Academic Health Plans, Inc. at (888) 308-7320.

Sincerely,

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