



International Student & Scholar Services Office

Health Insurance Policy

SMU International students and Exchange Visitors are **required** to maintain **SMU health insurance** for themselves and any dependents in the U.S. In addition, a copy of your current SMU health insurance card or confirmation letter must be on file in the International Student & Scholar Services Office at all times.

All **J-1 Exchange Visitors** must present proof of health insurance during the mandatory check-in with the ISSS Office upon their arrival at SMU. Please note that if you are an exchange visitor whose insurance is sponsored by your Government, **your policy must include the following:**

- Medical benefits of at least \$50,000 US per accident or illness
- A deductible not to exceed \$500 US per accident or illness
- Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$7,500 US
- Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the nonimmigrant visitor to their home country in the amount of \$10,000 US.

In addition, please remember that dental treatment is not covered by health insurance and is also expensive in the U.S. It would be advisable to check with your dentist at home in time to have any needed treatment completed before you travel.

If you are using a particular medication, you might want to bring enough to get you through the first week here. Some medicines, which are sold over the counter in your home country, require a prescription in the U.S. Please be sure to consult with our health center regarding your medicine needs.

If you have any questions regarding health insurance, please contact Krista Pruitt, Insurance Coordinator at kpruitt@smu.edu or at 214-768-3408 (phone), 214-768-2151 (Fax)