



International Student & Scholar Services Office

HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES INFORMATION

Health Insurance is required by law for a visitor entering the U.S. on a J-1 visa as a student or scholar. For the F-1 students it is required by the University. The U.S. 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 returned to the native country. Repatriation insurance is used for the transportation expenses related to returning the deceased to their native country.)
- Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the non-immigrant visitor to home country in the amount of \$10,000
- Deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness.

For those seeking the J-1 visa, the SMU International Center cannot allow the exchange visitor to begin their program research without proof of health insurance when they arrive on campus which is in compliance with government regulations.

The following insurance companies may be contacted to purchase 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.

1. International SOS Assistance Inc. provides medical evacuation and repatriation insurance which will supplement other policies to bring them into compliance with above regulations.
Inside USA 1-800-523-8682 www.internationalsos.com
Outside USA 1-215-942-8333

2. Macori, Inc.

- 1-800-285-8133 www.macori.com
3. Seabury & Smith
1-800-331-3047 fax: 202-367-5076
1-800-282-4495
4. Travel Medical Insurance
1-888-681-8642 www.travelmedicalinsurance.com
5. International Community Service
On-line Info & enrollment: www.icsweb.org
Insurance for students: 1-800-356-1235
6. HTH worldwide insurance services
1-800-242-4178 fax: 703-322-1636
www.hthworldwide.com
7. Overall Student Benefits International
1-800-747-8869 www.studentbenefitsinternational.org

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