

1. Title

Health Insurance Requirements for Certain International Students

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Requirement. Students holding nonimmigrant visas are required to maintain approved comprehensive health insurance or coverage while enrolled at institutions of The University of Texas System.

Sec. 2 Assessment of Fee. Each institution of the U. T. System is authorized to assess each such student a health insurance fee (as an incidental fee authorized by *Texas Education Code Section 54.504*) in the amount of the premium charged by the U. T. System sponsored student health insurance plan for the student's participation in the plan and, in the case of a student who holds a J-1 visa, for participation by each of the student's dependents as required by applicable federal regulations.

2.1 The institution shall waive the fee where the student provides evidence acceptable to the institution that demonstrates continuing coverage under the U. T. System Employee Group Insurance Plan or a comparable mandatory employee plan; continuing mandatory coverage through a government sponsored health plan (which covers health care in the United States and complies with the federal *Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987*); or, continuing coverage that satisfies the requirements of the Department of State (DOS) regulations with regard to J-1 and J-2 visa holders.

2.2 The institution shall require any student who is granted a waiver to immediately notify the institution should there be a lapse in any alternative coverage approved by the institution.

Sec. 3 This requirement does not apply to students who do not hold a nonimmigrant visa, including students from a bordering nation who are attending an institution in a county adjacent to that nation.

3. Definitions

U. T. System Student Health Insurance Plan – more information on the health insurance plan and its coverage can be found at <http://www.student-resources.net/>

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 54.504](#)– Incidental Fees

Texas Education Code [Section 54.052\(a\)\(3\)](#) – Determination of Resident Status

[Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987](#)

[United States Information Agency \(USIA\) regulations with regard to J-1 and J-2 visa holders](#)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Students holding nonimmigrant visas

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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