

OHSU POLICY MANUAL

Policy Number: 02-90-020

Policy Title: NON-IMMIGRANT FOREIGN STUDENTS HEALTH INSURANCE

REQUIREMENTS (under review)

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1. Under federal regulations, non-immigrant foreign students at the OHSU must demonstrate their ability to meet their financial responsibility in full. These responsibilities include the provision by non-immigrant foreign students for health and accident care for themselves and dependent family members in the United States.

- 2. All non-immigrant foreign students enrolled part or full-time at OHSU shall carry health and accident insurance for themselves and all their dependent family members in the United States.
- 3. The health and accident policy carried by each non-immigrant foreign student must provide coverage comparable to the one offered through OHSU or meet guidelines established by the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs or the American College Health Association. The policy may be underwritten by a foreign insurance carrier but it must be payable in the United States medical expenses incurred in this country.
- 4. Such insurance policy must be in force for a twelve (12) month period commencing during the registration period of the student's first term at the University. Request for term-by-term insurance coverage, or for any coverage extending for a period of less than one year from the date of a student's first registration, must be made in writing to the University's Office of Student Affairs. If the coverage is deemed sufficient to cover the student's and OHSU's interest, the Office of Student Affairs may approve it.
- 5. Documentation of coverage must indicate in English the insurance company's name and address for billing purposes, policy number, the coverage terms of the policy, the effective dates of the policy, any exclusions, the names of the individuals covered by the policy, and the maximum amount of coverage per accident.
- 6. If an enrolling non-immigrant foreign student does not provide acceptable proof of adequate health insurance for him or herself and for dependent family members in the United States, the Office of Student Services may restrict University registration and issuance of immigration documents (for travel, extensions of stay, employment request, practical training, dependent matters, etc.) for the student and the student's dependent family members.

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7. Non-immigrant foreign students shall be notified in writing of these requirements before departing for Portland and again before they complete matriculation at the University. A similar notice shall appear in the University Bulletins. These notices shall inform such students that they may contest the factual premises underlying and proposed restriction referred to in section (6) above by presenting their documentation and arguments before the Director of Student Services or that person's designee.

8. Pending the resolution of any dispute over the conformity of a proffered policy with the requirements of this policy, the student proffering the insurance in question shall be permitted to register. In the event of an adverse decision compelling withdrawal from the University subsequent to registration, a refund of any tuition paid for the term in which withdrawal took place shall be provided to the student.

Responsible Office: Academic and Student Affairs