

**Waiver Criteria
for
International Students in F-1 or J-1 Immigration Status
The George Washington University**

Application for Exemption from the GW Student Health Insurance Plan

Upon arrival on campus, and after registration, you will have the right to request that (1) you not be covered by the GW Student Health Insurance Plan and (2) the charge for health insurance on your University bill be removed. You may request this by completing an exemption or waiver application and by providing documents that prove you have health insurance coverage under a different plan that satisfies the minimum requirements listed below. Your insurance plan:

- Must be provided by a company licensed to do business in the United States, with a U.S. claims payment office and a U.S. telephone number.
- Must be currently active and you must promise to maintain it during the entire period you are registered for the current academic school term.
- Must provide an annual minimum of at least \$100,000 in coverage for each accident or illness you may suffer each policy year.
- Must include coverage for prescriptions (medications prescribed by a physician).
- Must cover *pre-existing conditions* (illnesses or medical conditions that began before the effective date of the insurance coverage) with no waiting period (or the plan must have been in effect long enough that any waiting period has already passed).
- Must cover in-patient and out-patient medical and mental health care in the Washington, D.C. area, including Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Detoxification Treatment. Please note that emergency-only coverage does **not** satisfy this requirement.
- Must cover expenses related to self-inflicted injuries and suicide.
- Must have a maximum deductible of \$500.
- Must provide at least \$10,000 for medical evacuation. *Medical evacuation* is transportation to your home country so that you can receive medical care there.
- Must provide at least \$7,500 for repatriation of remains. *Repatriation* provides transportation to your home country in the event of your death.

Please note that travel insurance is **not** eligible for an exemption or waiver.

You must be registered for classes in order to waive out of the Aetna Student Health Insurance. The **waiver deadline is September 30, 2015.**

Information about the plan and the waiver process will be posted after August 1, 2015 please visit:
<https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/students/student-connection.aspx?GroupID=474952>

For more information, please visit <http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/student-health-insurance>