



**Center for International Programs and Activities**

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## **Medical Insurance Coverage Requirements**

By signing your DS-2019, you have agreed to come to Shawnee State University with medical insurance. Because of government regulations, we cannot allow you to purchase medical insurance after your arrival. *You must have coverage from the moment you step onto American soil. You must be insured for the entire duration of your stay in the US.*

Condition 1F on page 2 of your DS-2019 states that: "Exchange visitors are required to have medical insurance in effect for themselves and any accompanying spouse and minor children on J visas for the duration of their exchange program."

All J visa holders and their dependents are required to have medical insurance coverage with the following minimum benefits:

- Medical benefits of at least \$50,000 USD
- Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$7,500 USD
- Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the exchange visitor to his or her own country in the amount of \$10,000 USD
- A deductible not to exceed \$500 USD per accident or illness, and must meet other standards specified in the Exchange Visitor Program regulations, 22CFR Part 62.14.
- If you need help securing insurance for the duration of your stay at SSU, please contact [cipa@shawnee.edu](mailto:cipa@shawnee.edu).

For details, consult your program's Responsible Office or Alternate Responsible Officer." (Your Responsible Office is listed as item 7 on page 1 of your DS-2019).

We cannot purchase medical insurance for you. NAFSA Association of International Educators provides [this list](#) of Health Insurance Companies. We recommend using Insurance for Students or International Student Insurance, but you may use whichever insurance provider you prefer.

Please note that your insurance does not need to go into effect until your arrival date in the U.S. Please send us a copy of your insurance card as soon as possible. We must have a copy of your insurance card at least one week (7 days) before your scheduled arrival. If you are having difficulty purchasing your insurance coverage, please contact us immediately. Failure to provide us with proof of insurance will result in the revocation of your status.

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