

Dear International Student:

Duke University is enrolling international students in Duke-sponsored F-1 and J-1 nonimmigrant status in a Duke-sponsored health insurance plan, effective August 17, 2006. International students on nonimmigrant visas cannot waive or opt out of the Duke health insurance plan or Duke student health fee.

Duke has chosen a plan that meets or exceeds the federal insurance requirements for J-1 Exchange Visitors in Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 62.14. By applying these federal guidelines to international students in F or J nonimmigrant status, we can provide at a reasonable cost appropriate and essential health care coverage. The cost of this insurance augments the student health fee, which covers primary care services at the Duke Student Health Center.

Federal regulations require students in J-1 status to maintain appropriate health insurance for their J-2 spouses and children. Duke strongly recommends that students in F-1 status do the same for their F-2 families. Family coverage can be added to the Duke mandatory insurance for an additional fee that is modest and reasonable compared to other equivalent coverage obtained elsewhere.

Duke's insurance provider, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, has a vast worldwide network, including coverage in the area surrounding Duke University.

For more information about Duke's student health insurance plan, please visit <http://www.hillchesson.com> .

You can also learn more about student insurance by visiting <http://healthydevil.studentaffairs.duke.edu>. (Choose "Health Fee/Insurance" under the Quick Links section.)

A list of Frequently Asked Questions related to student insurance for internationals is located at <http://healthydevil.studentaffairs.duke.edu> (Choose Student FAQs, International Student Insurance.)

Further questions? Email dukeinsurance@studentaffairs.duke.edu .

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