

## HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FOR J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS

All J-1 exchange visitors and their family in J-2 dependent status are required by U.S. law to carry health insurance with specific minimum coverage, from the date of arrival to the date of departure. It is your responsibility to select, obtain and maintain valid health insurance coverage. Your health insurance must meet the following requirements:

1. Medical benefits of at least \$100,000 per accident or illness.
2. Benefits for repatriation of remains (in case of death) in the amount of \$25,000.
3. Benefits for expenses associated with the medical evacuation to the home country in the amount of \$50,000.
4. A deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness.

SVA requires all registered, matriculating students to have health insurance coverage for both in-patient and out-patient medical care. All students are automatically enrolled in the SVA-sponsored Student Health Insurance and billed by Student Accounts for the Health Insurance Fee. Students who have outside coverage and do not need the SVA-sponsored insurance plan must provide information about their insurance coverage each year.

Please note: SVA-sponsored Student Health Insurance is available for exchange students only. It is not available for visiting faculty, research scholars and dependent coverage.

### Other health insurance plans for J-1 Exchange Visitors

There are various commercial health insurance plans designed to meet the requirements for J-1 exchange visitors and dependents. Please note that these plans are select samples only, and are not endorsed by SVA.

#### **CISI, Cultural Insurance Services International**

Select "Coming to the U.S./International Students and Scholars"  
[www.culturalinsurance.com/students/](http://www.culturalinsurance.com/students/)

#### **Compass Benefits Group**

See "Inbound USA Visitor Medical Insurance"  
[www.compassbenefits.com/](http://www.compassbenefits.com/)

#### **FrontierMEDEX**

[www.medexassist.com/Default.aspx](http://www.medexassist.com/Default.aspx)

#### **Gateway Visitor Health Insurance**

Short-term coverage only for less than 6-months visit.  
[www.gatewayplans.com/travel-medical-insurance/gateway-usa](http://www.gatewayplans.com/travel-medical-insurance/gateway-usa)

## J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR HEALTH INSURANCE CERTIFICATION FORM

### Statement of understanding and compliance with the J visa health insurance requirement

1) I am in compliance with the health insurance regulations as specified in 22 CFR section 62.14 of the Exchange Visitor regulations. I understand that it is my responsibility to carry valid health insurance coverage for myself and my J-2 dependents (if any) for the duration of my visit to the United States from the date of arrival until the date of departure.

For Exchange Students only:

2) I also understand that I must complete a separate online waiver process by the specified deadline if I do not wish to be billed for the SVA-sponsored Student Health Insurance.

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(Last/Family Name) (First/Given Name)  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. SVA Student Health Form (Required for students only)

Prepare your SVA Student Health Form (download from [www.sva.edu/health](http://www.sva.edu/health)) and submit it to the Office of Student Health and Counseling Services via email [health@sva.edu](mailto:health@sva.edu) (subject line must include your SVA Student ID number) or fax 212.592.2216.

#### 2. J-1 Exchange Visitor Health Insurance Certification Form (Required of all exchange visitors)

Sign this form and return it to the International Student Office.

#### 3. Online Waiver of the SVA Health Insurance Fee (Optional, for students only)

If you do not wish to be billed for the SVA Health Insurance Fee *and* have other health insurance that can be used in the U.S., you must complete an online waiver by the deadline specified each semester. Go to [www.sva.edu/uhp](http://www.sva.edu/uhp) and select "Waiver Form" on the left side of the page to complete the online waiver process. Your SVA student ID number is required for this process. The deadline for the Fall 2017 semester is October 2, 2017.

#### 4. Accepting the SVA-sponsored Student Health Insurance (Optional, for students only)

All students are automatically enrolled. Go to [www.sva.edu/health](http://www.sva.edu/health) or [www.sva.edu/uhp](http://www.sva.edu/uhp) to view the information on getting started with the student insurance, and check your SVA email for important Insurance Enrollment emails.