

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

SUBJECT: FAU REGULATION 4.009, HEALTH INSURANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND RESEARCH SCHOLARS

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend approval of amendments to FAU Regulation 4.009, Major Medical Insurance Requirement for Foreign Students.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University administration seeks to amend FAU Regulation 4.009, Major Medical Insurance Requirement for Foreign Students. This proposed amendment will also add medical insurance requirements for International Research Scholars and supersede Presidential Memorandum 87, Health Insurance Requirements for Exchange Visitors. International Students and Research Scholars sponsored by the University must comply with applicable health insurance requirements of the Florida Board of Governors ("BOG") (F/J students), the U.S. Department of State (all J visa holders), and the University Board of Trustees in order to maintain eligibility for the non-immigrant visa programs in which they participate. This revision was done to update University regulation and policy in this regard and conform to recent amendments to BOG Regulation 6.009.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

The proposed regulation will be implemented and effective upon adoption by the Board of Trustees.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Supporting Documentation:

FAU Regulation 4.009, Health Insurance for International Students and Research Scholars

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Florida Atlantic University

Regulation 4.009 HealthMajor Medical Insurance Requirements for InternationalForeign Students and ResearchInternational Scholars.

(1) The University sponsors International Students and International Scholars in the F and J non-immigrant visa categories with permission from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of State. International Students and International Scholars sponsored by the University must comply with health insurance requirements of the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) (F/J students), the U.S. Department of State (all J visa holders), and the University Board of Trustees in order to maintain eligibility for the non-immigrant visa programs in which they participate. Authority to establish procedures for verifying compliance is delegated to the Office of Student Health Services and the Office of International Student and Scholar Services. Willful failure to maintain the required insurance coverage will result in termination of participation in the Exchange Visitor Program.

(2) Definitions:

Exchange Visitor: A citizen of a ~~No~~ foreign country who is sponsored or hosted by the University under the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program as a degree/non-degree student, student intern, professor, researcher, short-term scholar, specialist, or other category of exchange visitor status as defined by the Exchange Visitor Program.

Exchange Visitor Program: A program administered by the U.S. Department of State that provides qualified foreign nationals with opportunities to participate in educational and cultural exchange programs under a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa. The University is designated by the U.S. Department of State to sponsor Exchange Visitors in the following J-1 visa categories: Professor, Research Scholar, Short-Term Scholar, Specialist, Student Intern or Student~~student, researcher, professor, short-term scholar, specialist, and student intern.~~

International Student: A student sponsored or hosted by the University who is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. and who holds a temporary U.S. non-immigrant visa (e.g., F visa or J-1 Student designation).

International Scholar: A J-1 Exchange Visitor who is sponsored or hosted by the University under the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program ~~in as a student intern, professor, researcher, short-term scholar, specialist or other non student~~ category of the Exchange Visitor Program other than Student.

~~(1) No International Student in F or J non-immigrant status shall be permitted to register, or be permitted to continue enrollment, at the Florida Atlantic University without demonstrating that the student~~the/she~~ has adequate ~~major~~ medical insurance coverage for illness or accidental~~

injury. ~~Adequate~~ medical insurance coverage must meet or exceed the requirements of BOG Regulation 6.009, as well as include the following: (i) the policy must have a maximum \$400 cumulative deductible per policy year; and (ii) the policy must have a minimum coverage of \$200,000 for covered injuries/illnesses per accident or illness per policy year with no internal caps or limitations for covered injuries or illnesses.

(3)

~~(2)~~(4) All International Scholars and all accompanying dependents on J-2 visas or certificate which restricts its use to a specific institution, hospital, clinic, infirmary or other health care agency or restricts its use to a particular locale or provides that the insurance proceeds are required to have health insurance coverage during their period of stay on the University's J-1 program. The health insurance must meet or exceed the minimum requirements set forth in 22 CFR §62.14. ~~not payable in United States currency will not be deemed adequate.~~

Specific Authority: Article IX of the Florida Constitution, 1001.706, F.S., Board of Governors Regulations 1.001 and 6.009; and 22 CFR §62.14240.227(1) FS. Law Implemented 240.233(2) FS. History—New 4-19-82, Formerly 6C5-4.10. Formerly 6C5-4.010. Amended ~~1-11~~ -11.

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Regulation 4.009 Health Insurance for International Students and International Scholars

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(3) No International Student in F or J non-immigrant status shall be permitted to register, or to continue enrollment, at the University without demonstrating that the student has adequate medical insurance coverage for illness or accidental injury. Adequate medical insurance coverage must meet or exceed the requirements of [BOG Regulation 6.009](#), as well as include the following: (i) the policy must have a maximum \$400 cumulative deductible per

policy year; and (ii) the policy must have a minimum coverage of \$200,000 for covered injuries/illnesses per accident or illness per policy year with no internal caps or limitations for covered injuries or illnesses.

- (4) All International Scholars and all accompanying dependents on J-2 visas are required to have health insurance coverage during their period of stay on the University's J-1 program. The health insurance must meet or exceed the minimum requirements set forth in [22 CFR §62.14](#).

Specific Authority: Article IX of the Florida Constitution, 1001.706, F.S., Board of Governors Regulations 1.001 and 6.009; and [22 CFR §62.14](#). History—New 4-19-82, Formerly 6C5-4.10. Formerly 6C5-4.010. Amended _____-11.