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The University of Texas System 2020-2021 Eligibility Guidelines

Health Institution Students (Hard Waiver) - It is a requirement that all Health Science Center and medical students be automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan at registration unless proof of comparable coverage is furnished.

International Students (Mandatory) - All international students holding non-immigrant visas are required to purchase this Student Health Insurance Plan in order to complete registration, except for those students who certify in writing that comparable coverage is in effect under another plan as approved by The University of Texas (UT) System Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents has authorized the assessment of a health insurance fee to each such international student who cannot provide evidence of continuing coverage under another approved plan. This fee will be the amount of the premium approved for the UT System Student Health Insurance Plan. Required Student Health Insurance coverage for international students includes repatriation and Medical Evacuation benefits.

All Other Students (Voluntary)

- Undergraduate students must be enrolled in AT LEAST SEVEN (7) credit hours each semester to be eligible for the plan.
- Graduate voluntary students must be enrolled in AT LEAST FOUR (4) credit hours each semester to be eligible for the plan.
- Students working on research, dissertation or thesis, post doctorate, scholars, fellows, ESL program students, Fast Track Program Students, visiting scholars and students who are deemed full-time students by campus Disability Services, or other groups with reduced coursework that meet the criteria for exemption as approved by the UT System, are exempt from the above credit hour requirements.
- Eligibility will be verified in the Fall and Spring. For students applying for new UTSHIP coverage for the Summer semester, additional eligibility requirements will apply – students must be enrolled in at least two (2) credit hours for Graduate and four (4) credit hours for Undergraduates. To remain eligible, you must meet the required credit hours and be continuously enrolled throughout each semester.
- If you enroll in the UTSHIP and do not meet eligibility requirements, your insurance coverage will be terminated immediately. You will be refunded the paid premium and claims will be denied.
- Continuation coverage, which allows a student who is no longer eligible for UTSHIP to continue coverage under UTSHIP for period of three (3) months, is only available for International and Health Institution students. If a voluntary student loses coverage, they can look at other coverage such as exchange plans.