

UAF Health Insurance Waiver Request Form

All international students in F1 and J1 status are required to have health insurance while attending UAF. Your student account will be billed for the UAF health insurance plan at the beginning of each semester.

Fall Semester charge is \$559.15 and covers from August 25 – January 14

Spring/Summer Semester charge is \$868.01 and covers from January 15 – August 24

****Insurance cannot be refunded for summer****

Students who request a waiver of the mandatory insurance must demonstrate that they have comparable insurance coverage each semester. To request a waiver, students must follow the procedures outlined below.

Insurance Policy Minimum Requirements:

You are required to provide written documentation that your health insurance policy meets the following coverage requirements. All documentation must:

- Be written in English.
- Include your name.
- Include dates of coverage (must cover the entire semester).
- Provide comparable coverage in the amount of at least \$500,000 annual coverage.
- Deductible or out of pocket expense cannot be more than \$500 per condition.
- Pre-existing conditions (have been or are currently seeing a doctor or other provider for this) must be covered without a waiting period.
- Provide at least U.S \$25,000 for repatriation (return) of remains to the home country in the event of death.
- Provide at least U.S \$50,000 for medical evacuation to the home country if medically ordered.
- Treat mental illness (a range of conditions that affect emotion, thoughts and behavior) as any other illness.
- Insurance company must be based outside the U.S.
- J-1 additional requirement: The company must have an A.M. Best rating of “A-“ or above; a McGraw Hill Financial/Standard & Poor’s Claims-paying Ability rating of “A-“ or above; a Weiss Research, Inc. rating of “B+” or above; a Fitch Ratings, Inc. rating of “A-“ or above; a Moody’s Investor Services rating of “A3” or above; or backed by the full faith and credit of the government of the exchange visitor’s home country.

Waiver Process:

1. Student submits completed waiver request form and health insurance documentation to International Programs and Initiatives (IPI).
2. Waiver requests and accompanying documentation **must be received by IPI by the close of business of the first Friday of classes** in order to have the waiver processed before the fee payment deadline.
3. Students who receive a waiver approval will be notified by email and will have the insurance charge removed from their account.
4. If students have already paid for the insurance before the waiver is processed, refunds will be issued by the Bursar’s Office. No further action is required by the student.
5. Waiver forms must be completed and submitted each semester, or academic year depending on the length of the policy term, accompanied by documentation of coverage. Documentation must be submitted with every waiver form, even if there are no policy changes.

Note: This is **not** the UAF Health Center fee which is charged separately and provides access to the Center for medical care. The Health Center fee cannot be waived.

For questions regarding this waiver request form or the insurance policy for F-1 and J-1 students, contact:

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