

# **DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR J-1 EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS**

## **INFORMATION ON HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

In March, 1993, the U.S. Department of State (the government agency that administers and regulates (1) the J-1 visa document DS-2019, (2) those who use this document, and (3) those approved to be officers for the issuance and monitoring of the document and the J-1 visa-holders) published a revised set of regulations for Responsible Officers and Alternate Responsible Officers who issue J-1 visa documents (DS-2019).

The requirements for the health insurance, as set forth in the Federal Code of Regulations, Vol.58, No. 52, Section 514.14, are as follows:

1. The J-1 must have health insurance for the entire period of stay.
2. The minimum requirement for medical benefits is coverage of at least \$50,000 per accident or illness.
3. The minimum requirement for medical evacuation is coverage of at least \$10,000, in the event the J-1 visa-holder must be returned to home country for medical treatment.
4. The minimum requirement for repatriation of remains is coverage of at least \$7,500, in the unlikely event that the J-1 visa-holder should die in the U.S. and his or her remains need to be returned to the home country.
5. The maximum deductible on the health insurance may not exceed \$500 per accident or illness.
6. The health insurance **must cover all accompanying J-2 dependents, with exactly the same terms as above.**

## **PENALTIES**

According to the Federal Regulation "an exchange visitor in J-1 status who willfully fails to maintain the insurance coverage set forth above while a participant in an exchange visitor program, or who makes a material misrepresentation to the sponsor concerning such coverage, shall be deemed to be in violation of these regulations and shall be subject to termination as a participant."

According to the Federal Regulations, the University "**shall terminate an exchange visitor's participation in its program if the sponsor determines that the exchange visitor or any accompanying spouse or dependent willfully fails to remain in compliance with this section.**"

Therefore, the University has the right to refuse a visa document to any person who holds a J-1 or J-2 visa and is not in compliance with the health insurance requirements for a J-1 or J-2 visa holder. This includes degree-seeking students, exchange students (non-degree students), visiting researchers, visiting professors and short-term scholars. Any time a person in the J-1 or J-2 category wishes an extension, transfer or duplicate DS-2019 visa documents, the health insurance held by that person shall be confirmed, and an extension, transfer, or duplicate document will be withheld if health insurance is not being maintained with adequate amounts of coverage. The University is required to meet its responsibility as a J-1 sponsor.

**PLEASE NOTE: Students and Scholars purchasing the health insurance contracted by University of Delaware MUST purchase at least the Blue Plan for themselves and their dependents. They may purchase the Blue and Gold plan if desired.**

## **J-1 STUDENT OR SCHOLAR DECLARATION OF AGREEMENT TO ABOVE REQUIREMENTS**

I have read all of the above requirements regarding the maintenance of health insurance coverage for J-1 visa-holders and their J-2 dependents and I agree to comply with all of the above requirements throughout my stay as a J-1 visa holder. I understand that not complying with the above requirements is grounds for termination of my J-1 visa status and that of any J-2 dependents.

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Signature of J-1 Student/Scholar:

Name in print:

Date:

*Please sign and return to the Office for International Students & Scholars.*