Acknowledgement of Health Insurance Notification

All international students are required to read and acknowledge the University of Houston International Student Health Insurance Requirement each semester.

Contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services with any questions about your international status.

Please acknowledge this notification by going to the Acknowledgement Center page.

Once you have acknowledged this notification, the hold will be removed automatically.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Log into your university account (UH Access)
2. Click on the UHS Acknowledgement Center
3. Click to view International Student Health Insurance Requirements

4. Read the International Student Health Insurance Requirements and Acknowledgement.

5. Complete Acknowledgement.

6. The Hold will clear from your account.
International Student Health Insurance Requirements
Acknowledgement Checklist

The university has identified you as an international student. You are required to read and acknowledge the University of Houston International Student Health Insurance Requirement each semester.

International students with “F” or “J” visa status are required to be covered under the UH System (UHS) Student Health Insurance Plan or have equivalent health insurance coverage, regardless of the number of credit hours taken. At the time of registration, the student will automatically be charged in the mandatory UHS-endorsed Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and will be charged for the coverage period on their student financial account.

International students with “F” or “J” visa status must ACTIVATE their enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Plan or submit a WAIVER each coverage period.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

☐ I acknowledge that I have read and understand the full International Student Health Insurance Requirement. A link to this requirement can be found at http://www.uh.edu/healthcenter/insurance/.

☐ I understand that students with a status of “residency for tuition purposes only” or “pending permanent residency” are classified as international at the University of Houston.

☐ I understand that an international student with “non-F” or “non-J” visa status WILL NOT be automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan. I understand that voluntary enrollment is available during the semester’s Open Enrollment period.

☐ I understand that an international student with “F” or “J” visa status will automatically be charged for the mandatory UHS-endorsed Student Health Insurance Plan.

☐ I understand that an international student with “F” or “J” visa status must ACTIVATE their enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Plan or submit a WAIVER each coverage period.

☐ I understand that failure to ACTIVATE my enrollment in a timely manner will result in a delay in my ability to use the Student Health Insurance Plan. I understand that if I do not ACTIVATE my enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Plan, my enrollment will automatically activate after the close of Open Enrollment Period for the designated coverage period.

☐ I understand that an international student with “F” or “J” visa status may request a waiver of this mandatory health insurance fee with proof of acceptable alternate insurance during the posted waiver period each coverage period/semester and that late waiver submissions will not be accepted.

☐ I understand that the university must submit an eligible to ENROLL/WAIVE list to Academic HealthPlans to each term. I understand that I must wait approximately 2-3 business days after the health insurance charge was posted to my university account before I can ACTIVATE my enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Plan or submit a WAIVER.

☐ I understand that an international student with “F” or “J” visa status remaining enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan must verify their address with the insurance company and request an Insurance ID card.

☐ I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the University of my current visa status and that any visa status changes that may affect or reverse my waiver request or enrollment in the mandatory SHIP must be posted to my university account no later than the posted semester deadline.
☐ I have verified that my visa status posted in my university account and confirmed that it is accurate.

☐ I understand that changes to the visa status posted to my university account may result in a health insurance charge being posted/reversed to my student financial account. I understand it is my responsibility to review charges posted to my student financial account.

☐ I understand that I can contact International Student and Scholar Services (http://www.uh.edu/oisss/) if I have any questions about my international status.

☐ I understand that I will be required to acknowledge the International Student Health Insurance Requirement each semester I am classified as an international student at the University of Houston.