

## PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM #87

**SUBJECT:** Health Insurance Requirement for Exchange Visitors

**DATE:** January 6, 1995

The purpose of this memorandum is to comply efficiently and effectively with overlapping health insurance requirements of the U.S. Information Agency, the State of Florida, and Florida Atlantic University.

### I. Policy

In compliance with its responsibilities under federal law, Florida Atlantic University ("University") requires that exchange visitors with J-1 immigration status who are sponsored by the University shall maintain a policy or policies of medical insurance, including repatriation and medical evacuation coverage, for themselves and their accompanying J-2 dependents for the full duration of their sponsored enrollment or program.

This policy memorandum should not be interpreted to mean that the University recommends or encourages any prospective exchange visitor to cancel existing insurance coverage. The insurance coverage required by this policy memorandum satisfies the requirements of the United States Information Agency, the State of Florida Board of Regents, and the University, yet may not cover all medical conditions which the exchange visitor and accompanying dependents may develop or the treatments which they require.

### II. Definitions

For purposes of this policy memorandum, the term "exchange visitor" means a citizen of a foreign country who is sponsored by the University as either a student, teacher, professor, researcher, short-term scholar, specialist, visitor, or other category of exchange visitor status as defined by the United States Information Agency.

### III. Acceptable Coverage

- A. Only the following insurance policies will be considered adequate to meet this requirement:
  - 1. The University-approved policy for exchange visitors and their J-2 dependents offered for purchase through the University; or
  - 2. The insurance offered as part of the standard benefits package to exchange visitors who are University employees if such insurance covers their dependents and is supplemented by a separate policy providing emergency medical evacuation and

repatriation, which is offered as part of the University-approved policy referred to in A(1) above. The separate policy providing emergency medical evacuation and repatriation must be purchased for the entire period of the Form IAP-66 prior to its issuance.

3. For the period between commencement of the exchange visitor's program and the effective date of the insurance coverage under this subsection, the exchange visitor must purchase insurance under A(1) above for themselves and their dependents. This must be done before the Form IAP-66 will be issued.

#### IV. Procedure

- A. Proof of this type of insurance coverage for exchange visitors and all accompanying J-2 dependents shall be demonstrated as follows:

1. For exchange visitors other than students, proof of insurance coverage shall be provided to the Office of International Students and Scholars prior to the issuance of Form IAP-66.
  - a. For those who chose insurance coverage under subsection A(2) above, proof of eligibility for insurance must be provided to the Office of International Students and Scholars prior to the issuance of Form IAP-66. In addition, proof of purchase of the separate policy for medical evacuation and repatriation and the interim insurance coverage must be provided prior to issuance of Form IAP-66.
2. For exchange visitor students who are not degree-seeking students, proof of insurance coverage shall be provided to the Office of International Students and Scholars prior to issuance of Form IAP-66.
3. For exchange visitor students who are admitted as degree-seeking students, proof of insurance coverage shall be provided to the Office of International Students and Scholars when the exchange visitor student arrives in the United States and prior to registering for classes for the semester in which the exchange visitor student has been admitted.

- B. The Form IAP-66 will be issued only for the stated period of insurance coverage. In order to obtain an extension of Form IAP-66, proof of the extension of major medical, repatriation, and medical evacuation insurance must be provided.
- C. Willful failure to maintain the required insurance coverage shall result in termination of participation in the exchange visitor program or employment.

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