



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

Office of International Education
Immigration Services

MEDICAL INSURANCE ATTESTATION

Both the U.S. Department of State and State University of New York require J-1 Exchange Visitors (and their dependents) to obtain and maintain medical insurance coverage during their stay in the U.S. as J-1 Exchange Visitors. (Please refer to the J-1 brochure and http://wings.buffalo.edu/intlservices/health_sch.html for additional information about this requirement.)

Although J-1 Exchange Visitors may wish to purchase health insurance in their home country, they should be aware that the home country policy can only substitute for the SUNY policy if the health insurance coverage is comparable. If not, the J-1 Exchange Visitor will also have to purchase the SUNY policy. For this reason, we do not recommend purchasing health insurance in your home country to cover you during your stay in the U.S.

Please indicate below how you expect to meet this medical insurance requirement:

_____ I will have medical insurance coverage as a benefit of my University at Buffalo Employment*

** In this case, the scholar should purchase health insurance from UB's Student Medical Insurance Office (Student Union 223, North Campus) in order to have coverage during the 42-day waiting period before the insurance takes effect.*

_____ I will purchase health insurance from the Student Medical Insurance Office (Student Union 223, North Campus) when I arrive in Buffalo.**

*** We will send you the health insurance enrollment form along with your DS-2019. You should submit this form to the Student Medical Insurance Office (Student Union 223, North Campus) upon your arrival in the U.S.*

By signing below, I hereby confirm my understanding, and accept my obligations, under the Exchange Visitor Program and State University of New York requirements for J-1 Exchange Visitors. I also acknowledge that willful noncompliance with the insurance provisions may result in the termination of my participation in the Exchange Visitor Program.

SCHOLAR'S SIGNATURE

DATE