



MEDICAL INSURANCE



International students are not required to have health insurance but we strongly urge you to carry insurance coverage in the event of a medical emergency. Costs for medical care, prescription drugs, and outpatient care in the US are extremely expensive.

Health insurance may be purchased in the student's home country or in the United States.

Prices may range from about \$45 a month for "budget" policies to about \$85 a month for "select" policies (for college-age students)

For more information: [Medical Insurance for International Students](#)

[Internet tool for comparing international student health plans.](#) (You may select a language to view the site.)

Two companies who provide medical insurance for international students are listed below:

COMPASS BENEFITS GROUP: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLAR

303 Congressional Blvd., Carmel, IN 46032 (800) 767- 01619 (Toll-free)

email: studentplans@compassbenefits.com

website: www.compassstudenthealthinsurance.com

ISO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS

International Students Organization (ISO)

150 West 30th Street, Suite 1101, New York, New York 10001

(800)244-1180, website: www.isoa.org

IMPORTANT: Read the insurance brochures carefully.

Examine the "Exclusions" (the illnesses and injuries that the policy will not cover).

Compare the amounts you must pay for "deductibles", "co-insurance," office visits, hospital emergency room, and prescriptions.

Buying a better insurance plan can save many thousands of dollars in case of illness or injury.