



Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure

OP 10.16: Requirement of Health, Evacuation, and Repatriation Insurance for Non-immigrant Students

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operating Policy and/or Procedure (OP) is to set forth requirements and guidelines for health, evacuation, and repatriation insurance for non-immigrant students. The United States Government has certain requirements for all persons applying for a non-immigrant visa (e.g., student visa) to enter the United States. These include certain financial qualifications such as being able to meet all personal financial liabilities while in the United States and not becoming a “public charge” while in the United States. Given the extraordinarily high cost of medical care in the United States, Angelo State University requires that all non-immigrant students have health insurance coverage as a condition of enrollment. This helps assure that non-immigrant students comply with United States Government financial responsibility requirements.

REVIEW: This OP will be reviewed in April of even-numbered years by the director for the Center for International Studies and the international student services counselor, in consultation with the dean of the College of Graduate Studies, with recommended revisions forwarded through the provost and vice president for academic affairs to the president by May 15.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. Angelo State University will require non-immigrant students to maintain health, evacuation, and repatriation insurance. The required level of insurance shall not be less than the level required by the U.S. Department of State at 22CFR62.14.
2. This policy will apply to all persons enrolled in one credit hour or more at Angelo State University who have been granted a non-immigrant status in the United States by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
3. Covered students will purchase the Angelo State University Student Health Insurance Plan through the university. The insurance premium will be paid by the student on or before the first day of classes for the fall, spring and summer semesters.
4. The Angelo State University Center for International Studies may grant waivers of the Student Health Insurance Plan premium to non-immigrant students sponsored by the United States Government, a foreign government recognized by the United States of America, or certain international, government sponsored, or non-governmental organizations. Such waivers will be based on the government or organization guaranteeing, in writing, payment of

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all health care expenses, including evacuation and repatriation. Documentation must be presented to the Center for International Studies by the 12th class day (4th class day of summer sessions) each semester. The insurance premium also may be waived for students who provide documented evidence of health insurance coverage, including evacuation and repatriation, through a United States employer. Non-immigrant students employed by Angelo State University and eligible for both employer-provided insurance and the student health insurance plan may select between the two, as long as the insurance selected includes evacuation and repatriation coverage. Such documentation must be presented to the Center for International Studies prior to registration each semester.

5. Students who believe an initial denial of a waiver was incorrect can submit a final appeal, in writing, to the director for the Center for International Studies within ten business days of the initial denial. Such appeal must clearly explain which of the stated waiver categories the student believes s/he qualifies for and why the student disputes the initial decision. The director will make final decisions in consultation with appropriate administrators.
6. This Angelo State University requirement applies only to enrolled students; however, it is strongly recommended that dependents of students have health, evacuation, and repatriation insurance. Students in J-1 status must have insurance for any J-2 dependents under rules of the U.S. Department of State.