Policy Statement:

I. International Students in J-1 or F-1 Non-Immigrant Status.

   A. Scope of Medical Insurance Coverage:

      1. For coverage requirements, please see Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6.009 Admission of International Students to State University System (SUS).

      B. In accordance with Board of Governors Regulation 6.009, no international student in F-1 or J-1 non-immigrant status shall be permitted to register or to continue enrollment at the University without demonstrating to the International Student Office that the student has adequate medical insurance coverage for illness or accidental injury.

II. Intensive English Program Students in F-1 or J-1 Non-Immigrant Status

Students enrolled in the Intensive English Program who are in F-1 or J-1 non-immigrant status are required to comply with this policy.

III. J-1 Research Scholars, Professors, Specialists, and any F-2 Spouses and Dependents and J-2 Spouses and Dependents.
A. The following individuals must have medical insurance:

1. J-1 research scholars, professors, specialists must have insurance in effect which covers sickness or accident during the period of the J-1 program.

2. J-1 students, scholars, professors and specialists must have insurance which covers an accompanying spouse and/or dependents in J-2 status for sickness or accident during the period of the program.

3. F-1 students must have insurance which covers accompanying spouses and dependents in F-2 status for sickness or accident during the period of the F-1 program.

B. For coverage requirements, please see 22 CFR § 62.14.

C. Any policy, plan or contract secured to fulfill the requirements of Section III of this policy must, at a minimum:

1. Be underwritten by an insurance corporation having an A.M. Best rating of “A-” or above, an Insurance Solvency International, Ltd. (ISI) rating of "A-" or above, a Standard & Poor's Claims-paying Ability rating of "A-" or above, a Weiss Research, Inc. rating of "B+" or above, or such other rating as the Department of State may from time to time specify; or

2. Backed by the full faith and credit of the government of the exchange visitor’s home country; or

3. Be part of a health benefits program offered on a group basis to employees or enrolled students by a designated sponsor; or

4. Be offered through or underwritten by a federally qualified Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) or eligible Competitive Medical Plan (CMP) as determined by the Health Care Financing Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

D. Compliance

The process for student coverage is outlined in the procedures for insurance at Student Insurance. The UWF Health Insurance and Compliance Form for J-1 Research Scholars, Professors, Specialists, and J-2 and F-2 Dependents, including Spouses is available at J-1 Scholar and F-2 J-2 Health Insurance Compliance Form.

Change Justification:

This policy is being revised and updated to reflect current University practice.
Authority and Related Documents:

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6.009 Admission of International Students to State University System (SUS) Institutions and 22 CFR § 62.14.

APPROVED: Dr. Judith A. Bense, President DATE: 12/3/15

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