

Health Insurance Requirement: All School of Medicine graduate students are required to have a health insurance plan that meets the following criteria:

- The plan is provided by a company licensed to do business in the United States with a U.S. claims payment office and a U.S. phone number
- The plan covers illness in the Richmond, VA, area including hospitalization, surgery, mental health, medical equipment, pregnancy and physical exams. Note that coverage for emergency-only care or catastrophic care does not satisfy this criterion.
- The plan includes prescription drug coverage
- The plan is active and provides coverage through July 31 of the academic year in which the student is enrolled
- The plan provides coverage for pre-existing conditions.

Note that having health insurance is a national law/obligation in the United States. Failure to hold health insurance can result in the application of penalties and a loss of visa status for international visitors.

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