Dear International SMU Students,

On behalf of the Student Health Center, welcome to SMU!

For the 2016-2017 Academic Year, SMU has partnered with Academic HealthPlans, Inc. and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas to provide high-quality health insurance coverage for our students and their dependents. The University’s Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) for Intensive English Program (IEP) Students provides coverage for accidents and sicknesses, hospitalizations, emergency room, wellness and other services. Your deductible will be waived for treatment at the Student Health Center. The plan also provides travel assistance services for medical evacuations and repatriation. To learn more, please visit smu.myahpcare.com and select “Benefits”.

SMU requires all International students, attending on a visa and enrolled in the Intensive English Program, to enroll in the University’s Student Health Insurance Plan.**

You should enroll in the Plan after you have selected your classes and before the waiver deadline.

**IEP Students DO NOT enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan through My.SMU**

To do so:

- Go to smu.myahpcare.com
- Select the Enrollment tab at the top of the screen
- Select “Enroll Online” then follow the prompts
- Pay premium by credit card or e-check for the selected IEP terms for which you are enrolling

** There are two possible exceptions to this requirement:

1. The Embassy purchases and provides the student with comparable US health insurance coverage.
2. A spouse or parent extends U.S. medical insurance benefits through their US employer to the international student, including international medical evacuation and repatriation.

If either exception applies to you, you are eligible to submit a waiver from purchasing the University Student Health Insurance Plan. To be considered for a waiver you must take the following steps:

- Complete the International Waiver form (available at www.smu.edu/healthinsurance);
- Provide a copy of your health insurance policy or certificate and insurance ID card (front & back); and
- Follow the directions on the form for submission of the completed form

Please Note: International policies or policies from the student’s home country do not qualify for a waiver.

If you take no action to either enroll in the University’s Student Health Insurance Plan or seek and receive a waiver approval by the deadline, you will automatically be enrolled in the SMU plan for students and the premium charges will be applied to your account. These charges are non-refundable. Please do not wait be auto-enrolled as this delays your information transferring to BCBSTX.

If you have any questions, please contact the Insurance Office at the Student Health Center at studenthealthinsurance@smu.edu or (214) 768-3408/3470 or AHP at (855) 357-0242.