

## **Policy on Health Insurance, Student Health Services, and Disability Insurance**

### **I. POLICY**

All actively enrolled students in the MD Degree program are required to maintain adequate medical and hospitalization insurance coverage as a condition of enrollment. Students must use either the University of Pittsburgh graduate insurance plan (<http://gradcare.hr.pitt.edu>) or a comparable plan. In order to waive enrollment in the graduate student plan, students must obtain coverage that is comparable to that plan.

{Information note: Students will be billed automatically for the University graduate student plan unless they file a waiver request and provide evidence of equivalent coverage.}

Eligible members of the student's family may also purchase the University of Pittsburgh's graduate insurance plan.

All full-time students are required to pay the University of Pittsburgh student health fee, which covers care and services provided at the University Health Service and University Counseling Center. This fee is not refundable if a student withdraws or takes a leave of absence.

All actively enrolled students in the MD Degree program are required to be covered by disability insurance. Students will be charged an annual fee for disability insurance. Disability insurance cannot be waived.

A student who withdraws may request a refund of medical insurance fees. The fee for disability insurance is not refundable, even if a student withdraws from the program.

{Information note: The annual fee for disability insurance is billed with the tuition invoice. The insurance certificate information is available to students on the Navigator website.}

### **II. PURPOSE**

Having adequate access to health care services is an important part of maintaining wellbeing. This policy defines the requirements for students to have adequate health care insurance and to pay the required fees that permit access to university's student health services.

### **III. SCOPE**

This policy applies to:

- Medical students

**IV. POLICY AUTHOR(S)**

- Office of Student Affairs

**V. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

None

**VI. REFERENCES**

LCME Element 12.6: Student Health and Disability Insurance:

A medical school ensures that health insurance and disability insurance are available to each medical student and that health insurance is also available to each medical student's dependents.

**VII. APPROVALS**

Education Policy Council

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