



Institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures
Policy 07.01.29

Section: Student Policies	Responsible Vice President: Executive Vice President and Provost
Subject: Student Policies	Responsible Entity: Council of Deans

I. Title

UTMB Student Health Insurance Policy

II. Policy

All students are required to maintain health insurance coverage while enrolled at UTMB. To comply with this requirement, UTMB students will be automatically enrolled in the plan offered to UTMB students through The University of Texas (UT) System endorsed program, if they do not have or do not furnish proof of existing comparable health insurance coverage.

Accordingly, students have the following options:

1. UT System endorsed health insurance plan, offered to UTMB students through Academic Health Plans, Inc. (more information available on line at <https://www.academichealthplans.com/utmb>);
2. UTMB employee health insurance coverage (available only if the student is also a UTMB employee; or
3. Private insurance.

Students with private insurance must provide the following information:

1. Name of insurance provider;
2. Name of primary holder of insurance;
3. Policy number;
4. Group number; and
5. Photo copy of front and back of Health Insurance I.D. card.

To further ensure compliance with this requirement of maintaining health insurance while enrolled as a student at UTMB, all students are required to confirm health insurance coverage in the Academic Health Plans online waiver database, by the appointed waiver deadline:

1. Non-medical students must make this confirmation in MyStar every semester; and
2. Medical students and **Physician Assistant students in their clinical year** must confirm in Academic Health Plans once a year, (in the fall and then again at mid-year).

Failure to maintain health insurance coverage and provide proof of coverage as required by this policy will result in a student being automatically enrolled in UTMB's Student Health Plan and the cost charged to the student's financial account.

All non-medical students who opt out of the Student Health Insurance must provide proof of coverage to Academic Health Plans for each semester of enrollment prior to the first day of class.

III. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[Texas Education Code Section 51.952](#) as added by Senate Bill 505, 77th Texas Legislature

IV. Relevant System Policies and Procedures

[UT System Board of Regents Rule 50402](#) (Student Health Insurance Requirement)

V. Dates Approved or Amended

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VI. Contact Information

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