Health Insurance for International Students in Canada: Required Action

All international students in Canada are required to obtain health insurance for the duration of their stay in Canada. Certain provinces offer provincial health coverage to international students, either for free or for a premium. In these cases, international students are required to apply to the province. In cases where provincial health insurance is not available, students are required to purchase private insurance.

Insurance can be purchased through various providers and international students will need to enroll directly with the provider and present basic information to the insurance provider as part of the application. Examples of two such providers can be found at the following links: Ingle International and ManuLife. Students should obtain medical insurance and not travel insurance, which tends to only cover accidents.

For Vancouver students only

My signature below confirms that I have applied for British Columbia’s provincial Medical Services Plan.

My signature below confirms that I have enrolled in an individual international student health insurance plan as set forth above (if applicable...for the 3 month waiting period before benefits begin through British Columbia’s provincial Medical Services Plan). The burden of proof that the health insurance is adequate falls upon the student. By submitting this form the student will be accepting responsibility for all medical expenses incurred as a student, and agrees that Northeastern University will not be responsible for any medical expenses.