Dear All,

We have one item in today’s update:

**New Insurance Rates for International Scholar Program effective 8/15/2018**

We have just been given new information for the insurance program that many host departments purchase to meet federal and university J-1 insurance requirements. The coverage will continue to be provided by United Healthcare. Effective 8/15/2018 the rates for J-1 scholars and their J-2 dependents will be changing. The updated policy details will be available shortly through the University Health Plans website. Please be advised that the rates for the University’s monthly international scholar insurance plan will be changing effective 8/15/2018.

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<th>Existing Rate</th>
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<td>J-1 Visitor</td>
<td>$5.75 per day plus</td>
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<td>Health Services</td>
<td>$1.86 per weekday (Health Services Fee)</td>
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<td>Spouse plus 2 or more children</td>
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*Please also note that in addition to the daily $6.00 insurance premium, J-1 scholars will also be assessed a **$1.87 Health Services Fee** that allows access to the health centers on campus. This fee will be assessed for any weekday covered by a DS-2019 request but will exclude weekends and Rutgers holidays. Please note this fee will not be assessed for J-2 dependents. In previous years this fee was included with the total health insurance premium due calculation but effective 8/15/2018 this fee will...*
now be charged separately and will need to credit Health Services directly. The online DS2019 request system will be updated shortly with the new rates and GL strings to credit.

Effective immediately, any new DS-2019 requests received by our Center will be required to include payment based on these new rates for periods covering 8/15/2018 and beyond in cases where the University's monthly plan is being purchased. **Departments that have already submitted DS-2019 requests to us, or that are currently hosting J-1 visitors who are already enrolled in the plan purchased through our Center, will need to inform their visitors of the new rates for continuing on the monthly plan beyond 8/15/2018.**

Should visitors choose to find alternate coverage that meets the University’s insurance requirements they will need to provide documentation of that alternate coverage through the end of their current DS-2019. The current list of the University’s minimum insurance coverage requirements can be found on our website [here](#).

**If any scholars in your department chooses to pursue alternate coverage instead of remaining on the University plan, they must provide documentation of their alternate coverage by Friday, August 17th.**

**Otherwise please provide a list of all scholars in your department who wish to remain on the visiting scholar coverage by Friday, August 24th.** We will then evaluate for any difference in premiums or refund that may be due back to you.

We are currently working on updating our website to reflect the new costs. Please contact Eirinn Jones, International Student/Scholar Insurance Coordinator at eljones@global.rutgers.edu or by phone at (848) 932-7015 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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