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Beginning Fall 2007, all graduate assistants with assignments of 10 hours (0.25 FTE) or greater for the full semester in the Fall and/or Spring semesters, who meet the minimum monthly stipend established by the Office of the Provost, and are in good academic standing are required to have health insurance coverage. This group will be automatically enrolled in the Auburn University Graduate Student Group Health Plan (GSGHP). The 2007-2008 premium is \$1,142, which will be billed in two installments of \$571, one for Fall semester and the other for Spring/Summer semester. International graduate students and dependents in F or J immigration status will continue to be covered and billed similarly under the Mandatory International Student and Scholar Health Plan - check with the Office of International Education (OIE - [insurance@auburn.edu](mailto:insurance@auburn.edu)) for details.

Further information on optional enrollment (including the necessary form) and other graduate student health insurance resources can be found at: [http://www.grad.auburn.edu/Graduate\\_Student\\_Insurance/insurance-Graduate.html](http://www.grad.auburn.edu/Graduate_Student_Insurance/insurance-Graduate.html)

BROCHURE AND SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS - details may be found at <https://www.studentresources.com/college/redirect.aspx?URL=Auburn>

ELIGIBILITY FOR UNIVERSITY SUBSIDY - An annual subsidy of \$500/year (\$250 for Fall Semester and \$250 for Spring Semester) toward the GSGHP/ISSHP premium will be provided to graduate assistants with qualifying assignments in the qualifying semester (10 hours (0.25 FTE)) for the full Fall and/or Spring Semester, and who meet the minimum monthly stipend established by the Office of the Provost (\$612/month for Fall 2007). Students must be in good academic standing at the end of the previous semester in order to receive the subsidy for the following semester. Students must also hold a 0.25 FTE or greater for at least two semesters in a given academic year in order to receive the full subsidy. Those with only a single semester assignment will receive only ½ of the annual subsidy. International graduate students in F or J immigration status meeting the above eligibility requirement and covered under the Mandatory International Student (F/J) and Scholar (J) Plan will be eligible for this subsidy.

OPTIONAL ENROLLMENT: All graduate students at AU will be eligible to elect coverage under this plan for themselves and their dependents by submitting a request form as directed below. This must be done by the ninth class day of either the Fall or Spring semesters. International Students (F/J) and Scholars (J) and dependents (F/J) continue to be subject to the mandatory requirements for coverage, check with OIE for details.

NOTE: once enrolled in optional group coverage, graduate students and dependents (except F/J International Students and Scholars) may only cancel from a policy at the completion of a given enrollment period or upon determination of ineligibility as an AU graduate student. Similarly enrolled dependents may only be canceled with the termination of an enrollment period or status as a dependent.

WAIVERS - EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN COVERAGE - GA/GTA/GRA students who fall under the mandatory coverage requirement may waive out of this policy only by providing evidence of coverage by a policy that is equal to or greater in coverage than the entirety of the AU policy. This requirement must be demonstrated by completion of the waiver form by the proposed insurance company or an official representative of the insurance company (HR benefits officer), etc. All waiver requests must be received by the 9th class day of either the Fall or Spring semesters. Students who waive out of the GSGHP/ISSHP will NOT be eligible for the university subsidy. International graduate students in F or J immigration status are subject to the conditions of the Mandatory International Student and Scholar health insurance plan, check with OIE. More information and the waiver request form can be accessed at: [http://www.grad.auburn.edu/Graduate\\_Student\\_Insurance/waiver.html](http://www.grad.auburn.edu/Graduate_Student_Insurance/waiver.html)

Details on the Mandatory International Student (F/J status) and Scholar (J status) and Dependent Health insurance plan can be found at: <http://www.auburn.edu/academic/international/insurance/2007-08>

QUESTIONS - you may email [insurance@auburn.edu](mailto:insurance@auburn.edu).