

## STUDENT MEDICAL/HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

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*Responsible administrator: Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Outreach*

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- HCOP student pharmacists are engaged in direct patient care throughout the curriculum, and this increases the risk of student illness. The impact of paying for medical illnesses privately can be devastating to a student's personal health, financial security, and academic success. Due to these risks, it is in the best interest of all student pharmacists to have active healthcare insurance throughout their professional training. Therefore, all student pharmacists in the Doctor of Pharmacy program are required to continuously maintain medical insurance coverage throughout the time they are enrolled in the Harrison College of Pharmacy (HCOP).
- Proof of health insurance must be provided at the beginning of each academic year to Clinical Affairs and Outreach's (CAO) Experiential Programs Office (EPO). The EPO must be notified if there is any change in the student's insurance coverage at any time.
- Insurance documentation is required before students can begin classes within HCOP.

### **Procedures:**

- At the beginning of each academic year, and prior to the start of the advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) rotations, all student pharmacists must submit documentation of active medical insurance to HCOP's Experiential Programs staff.
- In the cases where the insurance policy covers members of a family unit, the documentation must clearly specify the student pharmacist is one of the individuals who is insured under the healthcare insurance policy.
- Documentation must clearly show the dates in which the insurance coverage is in effect.
- All documentation must be submitted to CAO experiential programs personnel before established deadlines.
- All documentation must be submitted by the third class day of Fall Semester or, in the case of student pharmacists in the fourth professional year, prior to beginning of the first advanced practice rotation in May of each year.
- Student pharmacists will be required to enroll in the medical insurance program sponsored by Auburn University if they lose medical insurance coverage or do not have medical insurance coverage from another policy.
- Student pharmacists are required to notify designated CAO Experiential Programs personnel at any time when their medical insurance changes or when coverage is lost.
- Student pharmacists who do not maintain valid medical insurance and provide documentation of

coverage annually to the Experiential Programs Office will be dis-enrolled from the HCOP.

- Student pharmacists are advised to carefully evaluate their health insurance coverage to assure that it is adequate to cover high-cost clinical conditions and has a provider network that is geographically accessible.
- Students can obtain guidance on healthcare coverage from Clinical Affairs and Outreach Experiential Programs and Clinical Health Services staff.

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