GeoBlue Medical Insurance Coverage

The University of North Carolina (UNC) has contracted with GeoBlue to provide health insurance coverage for international students, employees and affiliates. This coverage is available to any foreign national who is affiliated with UNC. Policies may be purchased for the individual affiliate or as a plan that covers you and your family (spouse and/or children).

Instructions to enroll in UNC Chapel Hill’s GeoBlue Policy:
1) Go to https://www.geobluestudents.com/
2) Enter UNC Chapel Hill’s self-enrollment code, SKN-627, in the box under the section labeled “Students and Plan Members” along right side bar (see screenshot below for reference)
3) Select “new” enrollment
4) The coverage period cannot exceed 12 months. If your visit is more than 12 months, you will need to renew your policy toward the end of the 12 month period.
5) Once you enroll, you will receive an email from GeoBlue with instruction on how to register with their website. Please be sure to register, login and print your new ID card

Policy Rates for GeoBlue:
Affiliate/Participant Only: $30.15 per week
Affiliate/Participant + spouse: $131.45 per week
Affiliate/Participant + child(ren): $77.65 per week
Affiliate/Participant + family (spouse and 1 or more children): $179.37 per week

GeoBlue accepts payments using Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover. A brochure of the GeoBlue insurance plan with coverage details can be viewed on this webpage: https://isss.unc.edu/files/2017/08/GeoBlue-Member-Guide

Important Notes:
1) The GeoBlue plan is not ACA compliant. As such, participants who are considered “residents for tax purposes” may be subject to a penalty for lack of appropriate coverage when filing taxes.
2) UNC affiliates must be enrolled in GeoBlue to purchase coverage for non-affiliated spouses and children. For example, if you are offered health insurance coverage as a UNC student but the policy does not include your spouse or children, your family would only be eligible for GeoBlue coverage if you enrolled in the GeoBlue policy as well.

3) For those in J status, UNC’s policy with GeoBlue meets and exceeds the U.S. Department of State’s requirements. Please contact your international student or scholar advisor for more information regarding the insurance requirement for J-1/J-2 exchange visitors.

4) UNC’s GeoBlue policy includes coverage for “repatriation and evacuation”. Additionally, GeoBlue offers stand-alone coverage for repatriation and evacuation if your medical insurance coverage that does not include repatriation and evacuation (for example, the State Health Plans of North Carolina offered to UNC employees does not include repatriation and evacuation coverage). To enroll in stand-alone repatriation and evacuation please email the University’s Risk Management Specialist, Janet Hoernke at: Janet_Hoernke@unc.edu with the subject line: Inbound Stand Alone Med Evac/Repat Starting DD/MM/YYYY (enter the requested start date of coverage here). Janet will follow-up with additional instructions for enrollment and policy details.