

# Insurance Coverage While on OPT

- Can I continue the Southeast group insurance coverage while on OPT?

Yes, you can choose to continue your coverage for up to 18 months after completion of your program **ONLY IF** you continue your coverage immediately following your degree course completion. You must have been a member of the group insurance plan prior to OPT status.

- What's the deadline to enroll?
  - Fall semester: July 31
  - Spring semester: December 31 (this includes summer months)
- How do I pay?
  - Fees will be applied to your Southeast student account and must be paid in full for your enrollment to be completed. Confirmation email will be sent upon enrollment.
  - Payment is due prior to effective coverage end date.  
You can pay by check or credit card through your Southeast Portal or contact Student Financial Services at 573-651-2253.
  - Final insurance enrollment procedure with insurance company will occur after full payment has been made to Student Financial Services.
- How do I obtain my card?
  - You can access your new member ID within 7-10 business days after your enrollment is completed.

If you wish to enroll the group insurance while on OPT, [click here](#).

## NOTE

It is the responsibility of the OPT student to ensure the requested renewal fee is charged to their Southeast student account prior to the effective coverage end date and renewal request is submitted by the respective enrollment deadline date.

If you choose not to continue coverage immediately after the term in which you completed your degree program, you will be ineligible to enroll in coverage at a later date.

LewerMark does offer a short-term medical insurance option for individuals, if students later choose to purchase their own policy. For more information contact LewerMark at 1-800-821-7710 or visit <http://www.lewermark.com/short-term-medical-for-graduating-students/>

**Disclaimer:** International group coverage offered through Southeast is not qualifying health coverage (“minimum essential coverage”) that satisfies the health coverage requirement of the Affordable Care Act. If you are considered a resident alien for tax purposes, you may owe an additional payment with your taxes for not satisfying the health coverage requirement per the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) and [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) for more information.