

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT**

DATE: November 24, 2008

REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER: 6.009 – Admission of International Students to State University System Institutions

SUMMARY: Regulation 6.009 provides for admission of international students to the State University System. The regulation was originally approved by the Board of Governors in September 2007. The current revisions are intended to clarify certain elements and ensure appropriate application of the regulation, as well as address minor technical issues to maintain consistency with other BOG regulations.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION: The full text of the proposed regulation for amendment is posted on Board of Governor's Web site at www.flbog.edu. In addition, the full text of the regulation is available upon request to the Office of the Chancellor, at (850) 245-0466.

AUTHORITY TO AMEND REGULATION(S):

6.009 Admission of International Students to State University System (SUS) Institutions.

(1) Within enrollment, space, and fiscal limitations, eligible international students may be accepted for admission at the appropriate level to an institution in the State University System (SUS). ~~Each university~~ ~~The board of trustees at each SUS institution~~ shall develop regulations for admission of international students that are consistent with ~~the policies of the Board of Governors~~ regulations. At a minimum, such regulations ~~university admission policies~~ shall require that:

- (a) International students are obligated to follow the laws and regulations set by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the United States Department of State.
- (b) An international applicant must be academically eligible for admission to the program at the level of entrance requested by the applicant. An international student must demonstrate the required level of academic preparation as evidenced by official copies of any academic records needed to ascertain the comparability of the level and quality of the student's previous education and achievement to that required for other students. Universities may choose to use departmental examinations to validate students' claims when official documents are unavailable or insufficient. Academic documents must be translated into English and evaluated by a reputable credential evaluator.
- (c) An international applicant's proficiency in English must be adequate. International students whose first language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency, as determined by the university. Universities may utilize various methods to determine English language proficiency, such that the method utilized to evaluate an individual student is sufficient to ensure a reasonable chance of academic success. All methods for determining English language proficiency shall be clearly outlined and included in university regulation. For those students demonstrating English language proficiency as measured by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Generally, English proficiency is measured by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or an institutionally approved examination with demonstrated equivalence. The minimum TOEFL scores acceptable for admission to an SUS university institution is are 500 on the TOEFL paper-based test, 173 on the computer-based test, or 613 on the iBT Internet-based TOEFL test. Universities Institutions and departments may set higher minimum TOEFL or related examination scores for admission.
- (d) In order for an appropriate official at the university to issue a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or a DS 2019) to an international applicant, the student must provide documentation showing sufficient resources to cover tuition, fees, books, room and board, health insurance, and other living expenses while enrolled at the university.
- (e) Each international applicant determined to be academically and financially

eligible for admission must submit a health history form including proof of immunizations as required by the university prior to enrollment at the university institution.

- (2) No international student in F or J non-immigrant status shall be permitted to register, or to continue enrollment, at a university without demonstrating that the student has adequate medical insurance coverage for illness or accidental injury and which, ~~beginning with the fall term of 2008~~, includes the following minimum requirements:
- (a) Coverage Period: ~~Coverage must include the full year, including annual breaks, regardless of the student's terms of enrollment. The policy~~ Policies must provide, at a minimum, continuous coverage for the entire period the insured is enrolled as an eligible student, including annual breaks during that period. Payment of benefits must be renewable.
 - (b) Basic Benefits: Room, board, hospital services, physician fees, surgeon fees, ambulance, outpatient services, and outpatient customary fees must be paid at 80% or more of usual, customary, reasonable charge per accident or illness, after deductible is met, for in-network, and 70% or more of usual, customary, and reasonable charge for out-of-network providers per accident or illness.
 - (c) Inpatient Mental Health Care: Must be paid at 80% in-network or 60% out-of-network of the usual and customary fees with a minimum 30-day cap per benefit period.
 - (d) Outpatient Mental Health Care: Must be paid at 80% in-network or 60% out-of-network of the usual and customary fees for a minimum of 30 (preferably 40) sessions per year.
 - (e) Maternity Benefits: Must be treated as any other temporary medical condition and paid at no less than 80% of usual and customary fees in-network or 60% out-of-network.
 - (f) Inpatient/Outpatient Prescription Medication: Must include coverage of \$1,000 or more per policy year.
 - (g) Repatriation: \$10,000 (coverage to return the student's remains to his/her native country).
 - (h) Medical Evacuation: \$25,000 (to permit the patient to be transported to his/her home country and to be accompanied by a provider or escort, if directed by the physician in charge).
 - (i) Exclusion for Pre-Existing Conditions: First six months of policy period, at most.
 - (j) Deductible: Maximum of \$50 per occurrence if treatment or services are rendered at the Student Health Center; maximum of \$100 per occurrence if treatment or services are rendered at an off-campus ambulatory care or hospital emergency department facility.
 - (k) Minimum coverage: \$200,000 for covered injuries/illnesses per policy year.
 - (l) Insurance Carrier must, at a minimum, meet the rating requirements specified in ~~have an "A" rating or above per Part 62.14(c)(1) of Title Section 22 of the Code of~~

