All students at Rice University are required to have insurance coverage compliant with the Affordable Care Act. For insurance purposes, students are categorized into two groups: EXEMPT and NON-EXEMPT (from the Rice International Student Insurance Policy).

Rice University International Student Health Insurance Policy:
All international students (on a non-immigrant visa, F1/J1) are required to register for either the Rice student health insurance, or waive coverage using only Rice’s alternate insurance plan for international students, by SAS, that has proven sufficient and comparable to the Rice Aetna plan.

EXEMPT STUDENTS

ENROLL IN AETNA INSURANCE
Instructions:
1. Student completes enrollment application via student health insurance website
2. Application is sent to Aetna student health for processing
3. Insurance hold will be removed within 1-3 business days
4. Premium will be reflected on students account within 5 business days

WAIVE COVERAGE
Instructions:
1. Student completes waiver application with insurance that meets the Rice waiver requirements
2. Application is sent to Aetna student health for processing
3. Student will receive email from Aetna confirming whether waiver was approved or denied
4. Students with approved waivers will have their insurance hold removed within 1-3 business days
5. Premium will be reflected on students account within 5 business days
6. If denied, please email: studentinsurance@rice.edu

Do you still have questions??
Contact Student Insurance: Contact OISS: Email: oiss@rice.edu studentinsurance@rice.edu Phone: 713-348-6095
Phone: 713-348-5544

NON-EXEMPT STUDENTS

Are you currently a Domestic student?

Are you currently an International student with an F1 or J1 visa?

You are a Non-EXEMPT Student.
Non-Exempt students are subject to the Rice University Student Insurance Policy.

ENROLL IN AETNA INSURANCE
Instructions:
1. Student completes enrollment application via student health insurance website
2. Application is sent to Aetna student health for processing
3. Insurance hold will be removed within 1-3 business days
4. Premium will be reflected on students account within 5 business days

ENROLL IN SAS COVERAGE
Instructions:
1. Student completes SAS enrollment application
2. Student completes Aetna waiver application
3. Waiver application is sent to Aetna student health for processing
4. Student will receive email from Aetna confirming whether waiver was approved or denied
5. Students with approved waivers will have their insurance hold removed

Got it. So, what are my options?

If waiving coverage, your insurance must still meet the requirements to be approved.

Exceptions to enrolling in one of the two approved plans are made only if supporting documentation provided to OISS demonstrates:
1) The student is no longer on a Rice-sponsored F-1 or J-1 student visa
2) The student is a government-sponsored student with insurance benefit
3) The student is currently residing abroad engaging in approved research/study abroad