

**EXEMPTION
FROM THE COMPULSORY SWISS HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
NON EU/EFTA RESIDENT STUDENT ONLY**

Students at Franklin University Switzerland (FUS) have the right to apply for an exemption from the compulsory Swiss health insurance, but they must submit documents and proof that they benefit from a high quality private health insurance to the Swiss authorities.

Each student's situation is different, and it is important that each student's family makes an informed decision about how to comply with the Swiss law and safeguard the student's health while at FUS. The private health insurance provider will need to complete the Swiss document, form (TI 6.3), and return it to FUS before the student enters Switzerland. **The student will automatically be enrolled with SWICA Medpharm PROVITA (Option 2) until the exemption request is officially approved by the Cantonal Department of Health Insurance.** Once the request has been submitted, it is not possible to withdraw it.

If and when the exemption is accepted, the student becomes automatically responsible for the management of his/her medical bills and the insurance charges paid will be credited accordingly to the student's account.

If the request of exemption is denied, the student will no longer have the option to select the Swica Student Care (Option 1) and will continue to be enrolled in SWICA Medpharm PROVITA for the duration of their stay at Franklin their student account will be charged.

The application for exemption is a **five-page form (TI 6.3) that must be completed, signed and stamped by the private insurance provider. It must be sent together with the insurance company's business-card** to the Office of Student Life in order for an exemption request to be submitted to the Cantonal Department of Health Insurance (IAS), which reviews the form and then accepts or denies the request. The process can take up to six months, but the exemption is usually pre-dated to the month in which the application was submitted, (beginning of the semester). Please send the entire documentation in original to:

Franklin University Switzerland

Att. Elena Veri-Sartori – OSL
Via Ponte Tresa 29
6924 Sorengo
(Switzerland)

When a student is not eligible for SWICA Student Care, the student is automatically enrolled and covered by the SWICA Medpharm PROVITA and charged for it during their Franklin studies.

Who is eligible for SWICA Student Care: FUS Students with Residency outside EU/EFTA countries who will apply for a Swiss Residency Permit for "study purposes only" and select SWICA Student Care (Opt.1).

In the event of a change of status with the Swiss Residency Permit the student will be enrolled under SWICA Option 2 (SWICA Medpharm PROVITA) as required by Swiss Law for Swiss health care insurance (LAMal) and the student account will be charged accordingly from the Bursar's Office.

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- 1. ONCE THE REQUEST HAS BEEN SUBMITTED, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO WITHDRAW IT.**
- 2. Until the exemption has been approved, the student will be billed at the rates indicated on the SWICA Medpharm PROVITA (Opt.2) form.**
- 3. IF THE EXEMPTION IS DENIED:**
The student will remain enrolled under SWICA (Opt.2) for the duration of their time as a Franklin student. It is **NOT** possible to apply for SWICA STUDENT CARE once an application for an exemption is submitted – regardless of the outcome. Please review and compare the relevant prices and conditions to select the option is best for you. You can find this information under SWICA Student Care on the student portal or ask the Admissions team.
- 4. IF THE EXEMPTION IS APPROVED:**
The student will be retroactively reimbursed by the Franklin Bursar's Office for Swiss coverage already paid for. It is extremely important that the student provides all documentation by the private insurance provider before arrival at Franklin to avoid not being approved.

When the exemption is approved, students automatically become responsible for their medical bills.

Franklin's involvement in the student's health insurance policy ceases. The student is responsible for processing any and all medical bills; for providing appropriate documentation to their health insurance provider for reimbursement; and for providing and paying for translation services, if required by the health insurance provider.

As all receipts and bills are written in the local Swiss language, it is best to ask the health insurance provider what they will need before making your final decision.

The Exemption expires the same day as the Swiss Residence Permit and needs to be renewed every year.

I recognize that health insurance coverage through a Swiss health insurance provider is obligatory while I am studying in Switzerland. I accept that the SWICA charge will be added to my Franklin student account during the exemption application process and I am required to pay any bill not covered by SWICA charged on my Franklin student account.

Parent/Guardian Signature (if student is under 18 years old): _____ Date: _____

Student Full Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Date of Arrival to Franklin: _____ Completion of Studies Anticipated Date: _____