

## **Emergency Assistance and Health Insurance Policy Office of Global Education**

Mercer University is working with On Call International, an emergency assistance and crisis support organization, to ensure the health and safety of all individuals participating in University-related travel abroad.

### **DEFINITION**

On Call International is NOT a health insurance policy. This additional plan serves participants only in the event of an emergency, or with issues related to travel such as lost luggage, stolen passports, etc. Emergency services include, but are not limited to, ambulance travel, evacuation, relocation, and the transport of a friend or family member in the event of extended hospitalization.

### **ASSISTANCE AND INSURANCE POLICY**

#### **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

- Individuals participating in Mercer-related international travel programs are required to be enrolled in the On Call International program. The Office of Global Education will enroll each participant. On Call International is included in the \$75 Study Abroad Fee that is to be paid by each participant.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

- Participants in international travel programs are required to be enrolled in a health insurance plan that covers international medical care.
- Students enrolled in Mercer University's Student Health Insurance Plan are covered for international medical care.
- Participants whose health insurance does not cover international medical care will be required to purchase a travel medical plan from GeoBlue and provide proof of coverage. Please visit <https://www.geobluetravelinsurance.com>. Please DO NOT purchase supplemental health insurance until you have been accepted on a study abroad program.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

On Call International will NOT cover hospitalization or emergency evacuation resulting from high-risk activities included but not limited to: caving, mountaineering or rock climbing necessitating the use of guides or ropes, potholing, skydiving, parachuting, bungee-jumping, ballooning, hang gliding, deep sea diving utilizing hard helmet with air hose attachments, martial arts, rallying, racing of any kind other than on foot, and any organized sports undertaken on a professional or sponsored basis. Please see policy for exact coverage details.

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#### **Statement of Understanding and Agreement:**

- I understand that I am required to be enrolled in the emergency assistance provided by On Call International. The Office of Global Education will enroll participants in the emergency assistance participating in Mercer University-related travel.
- I understand that the On Call International coverage is included in the \$75 study abroad fee and I agree to pay that fee.
- I confirm that I am enrolled in a health insurance plan, which includes international medical care, and will retain this insurance through the date I return to the United States. If I am not enrolled in a health insurance plan that includes international medical care, I understand that

I must purchase a plan through GeoBlue and provide proof of coverage to the Office of Global Education after my acceptance onto the study abroad program.