

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR STUDENTS SAME SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER AFFIDAVIT

Instructions:

Complete this affidavit if you are enrolling a same sex domestic partner in the Health Insurance Plan for Students.

This affidavit must be submitted with the application for health insurance.

We, the undersigned, declare that we are same-sex domestic partners in accordance with the following criteria:

- ❖ We are each other's sole domestic partner in a long-term, committed relationship and intend to remain so indefinitely.
- ❖ Neither of us is legally married.
- ❖ We are not related by blood to a degree that would prohibit legal marriage in the State of California.
- ❖ We are both at least 18 years old and capable of consenting to the relationship.
- ❖ We are financially interdependent.
- ❖ We live together and intend to do so indefinitely.
- ❖ It has been at least six months since the termination of a previous domestic partnership or marriage.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES (Both parties must print and sign their names below.)

Under penalty of perjury, we declare that the statements above are true and complete to the best of our knowledge. We further declare that we have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions on the back of this declaration.

STUDENT

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| NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (please print) | Social Security Number |
| Signature | Date |

DOMESTIC PARTNER

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| NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (please print) | Social Security Number |
| Signature | Date |

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Same-sex domestic partners are subject to the same rules as all other participants in the student health insurance plans.

2. A domestic partnership must have lasted for at least six (6) months before the student can enroll his/her same-sex domestic partner—or the partner's child(ren) or grandchild(ren)—in the GTU sponsored health insurance plan. At least six months must elapse from the date a domestic partnership ends before another declaration can be submitted and a new same-sex domestic partner be enrolled in the health insurance plan.

3. If a domestic partnership ends, the employee/annuitant must, within 31 days after the date the partnership ends, complete and submit to the address shown on the forms:

- *Termination of Domestic Partnership*, or, if applicable, a copy of the California *Notice of Termination of Domestic Partnership* filed with the Secretary of State

The student must provide his/her same-sex domestic partner with a copy of the termination form and the date benefits end. (Health insurance coverage stops at the end of the month in which the domestic partnership ends.)

4. The GTU and member schools reserve the right to require proof that a domestic partnership meets joint residency and financial interdependence criteria. Students who file this declaration agree to submit documentation supporting the domestic partnership upon request. Acceptable documentation includes:

- Copy of the California *Declaration of Domestic Partnership* filed with the Secretary of State or, if no state form, any three of the following:
- copy of any declaration, affidavit, or similar document filed with any other governmental entity
- joint mortgage or joint tenancy on a residential lease
- joint bank account
- joint liabilities (e.g., a credit card or car loan)
- joint ownership of significant property (e.g., a car)
- power of attorney for durable property or health care
- wills, life insurance policies or retirement annuities naming each other as primary beneficiary
- written agreement or contract showing mutual support obligations or joint ownership of assets acquired during the relationship.

5. Making false statements about satisfying the eligibility criteria, failing to notify the school of a change in status within 31 days, or failing to provide documentation when requested may lead to disenrollment of the same-sex domestic partner and/or the partner's child(ren) or grandchild(ren), if any, and to legal action. In addition, students will be subject to disciplinary action (e.g., loss of health benefits for 18 months).