



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Illinois State University

Resolution Number 2026.10/44

Authorization to Renew Athletic Accident Insurance

Resolution

Whereas, the University's Athletic Accident Insurance program will expire on December 31, 2026, and

Whereas, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC has been awarded the Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative Intercollegiate Athletic Accident Insurance vendor through October 12, 2028, and

Whereas, Illinois State University is an NCAA member institution, and NCAA institutions are required to certify that student-athletes have insurance coverage for medical expenses for athletic-related injuries before they may participate in practice or competition.

Whereas, the University intends to conduct a review of its Athletic Accident Insurance program as part of the Fiscal Year 2028 budget planning process.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University approves the award of the Athletic Accident Insurance renewal to Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC for the period January 1, 2027 through July 31, 2027.

Be it further resolved that the total cost of the Athletic Accident Insurance coverage for the annual coverage period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 shall not exceed \$800,000, of which \$457,000 was previously approved for the period August 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with the remaining amount attributable to the January 1, 2027 through July 31, 2027 renewal term.

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Board Action on _____
Motion by _____
Second by _____
Vote _____ Yeas, _____ Nays

ATTEST: Board Action, October 23, 2026

Secretary / Chairperson

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As an NCAA member institution, Illinois State is required to certify that student-athletes have insurance coverage for medical expenses related to athletic-related injuries before they may participate in practice or competition.

Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC (A-G) provides specialized claims administration services designed specifically for intercollegiate athletics programs. A-G manages the collection and processing of medical bills and explanations of benefits (EOBs), reducing the administrative burden on university staff and allowing Athletics personnel to focus on the health and well-being of student-athletes. Through advanced electronic data interchange (EDI) capabilities, medical documentation is received, processed, and assigned to the appropriate claim in a timely manner.

A-G's proprietary web-based claims management system provides real-time access to claim information, including outstanding documentation requirements, payment status, and claim history. This system enhances transparency, improves operational efficiency, and supports effective claim oversight by university personnel.

In addition, A-G employs cost-containment and claims management strategies designed to reduce claim costs and improve overall claims experience. These services help support stable pricing while ensuring timely and equitable claim resolution for student-athletes.

The insurance carrier providing coverage is United States Fire Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Crum & Forster (C&F). C&F is a nationally recognized property and casualty insurance organization with accident and health underwriting authority and more than a century of industry experience. United States Fire Insurance Company maintains an A (Excellent) financial strength rating from A.M. Best, providing assurance of the carrier's financial stability and ability to fulfill its insurance obligations.

The annual premium for the August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 coverage year is estimated at \$800,000. A premium of \$450,000 and claims administration of \$7,000 for the period August 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 was previously approved administratively. Board approval is being requested because total Athletic Accident Insurance expenditures during Fiscal Year 2027 exceed \$500,000.

Table 1: Athletic Accident Insurance Cost Breakdown

CATEGORY	DOLLARS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Insurance Premium	\$671,000	84%
Claims Administration	\$7,000	1%
Deductibles	\$105,000	13%
Contingency	+ \$17,000	2%
TOTAL	\$ 800,000	100%

Funding Source

Athletics Agency Funds