

BP 5200 STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

References:

Education Code Sections 70901, 76355, 76401, 76403, 87003, and 87356;
Title 5 Section 53411, 54702, 54704, 54706, 54708 and 54710

Student health services shall be provided in order to contribute to the education aims of students by promoting physical and emotional well being through health oriented programs and services. This is based on the belief that good health is an essential element in a student's ability to profit from instruction.

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Scope of Services

Operations are guided by a Health Services Plan developed and approved in consultation with a physician to comply with regulations as specified in the California Code of Law.

Clinical Services

1. The focus of clinical services is to provide short-term basic care and services necessary for the treatment of acute illnesses and injuries and preventive health screenings and physical examinations;
2. Mental health services include crisis management and short-term personal counseling;
3. Conditions requiring long-term management, such as alcohol abuse, substance abuse, eating disorders and chronic mental illnesses are evaluated and referred for further care by private practitioners or community services;
4. Management of crisis situations, such as suicidal or homicidal individuals, includes an assessment by a mental health practitioner, or a registered nurse in consultation with a mental health practitioner as needed;
5. Any information of a personal nature disclosed by a student, or parent or guardian of a patient, 12 years of age or older in the process of receiving care from a health professional, is confidential with exceptions as dictated by law.

Support Services

1. Office procedures and medical records are managed by clerical personnel;

2. Laboratory services are provided by a licensed, contracted laboratory;
3. Pharmaceuticals are provided internally on a limited basis. Prescriptions are provided for what is not available internally;
4. Referrals are provided for radiology, dental, optometric, and other services not available internally;
5. Health education services are provided by registered nurses and health education personnel.

Health Fees

Health fees are expended solely for the purpose of supporting health services for the general student body. Fees for specific services and products shall be not more than \$5.00 over actual costs to off-set general expenses related to the collection of specimens, miscellaneous medical supplies, etc.

Health fees shall not be expended for:

1. The salaries of personnel not directly involved in the delivery of health services, for administrative salaries of assistant dean level personnel and above, or for athletic trainers;
2. Costs related to athletics including insurance, ambulance costs for events, medical supplies or physical examinations;
3. Services provided to a select group of students, faculty or staff.

The District will periodically review and assess the financial activity of the Student Health Services Resource to ensure that adequate funds are available to provide quality student health services on a continuing basis. The District will charge the maximum allowable fee as approved by the State Chancellor's office, in accordance with Education Code 76355, unless otherwise indicated by the periodic financial activity review or directed by the Board of Trustees. Changes in the maximum allowable fee will be reported to the Board of Trustees and the Associated Student Body government prior to implementation.

Health fees are due at the time of registration.

The following students shall be exempt from paying the health fee:

1. Those who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings of a bona fide religious sect,

denomination, or organization. The student shall provide written verification of being an active member of such organization.

2. Those who are part of a Board-approved apprenticeship training program.
3. Those students enrolled in specific workshops or courses designated by the Board of Trustees as exempt.
4. As otherwise provided by law.

All requests for exemption of fee will be processed in the office of Admissions and Records, with a copy forwarded to the Student Health Center. Applications for the waiver must be submitted before the end of the second week of each semester. Waivers for short-term classes must be submitted before the end of the first week of the session.

Personnel

- Supervision is provided by a health services professional with overall responsibility for developing and directing student health services, and pursuant to Title 5, Section 53411, is qualified by:
 1. A Master's degree in nursing and a California Public Health Nurse certificate, or
 2. A Bachelor's degree in nursing, a California Public Health Nurse certificate, and a Master's degree in health education, sociology, psychology, counseling, health care administration, public health, or community health.
- Clinical services including nursing, medical and mental health services, are provided by licensed professionals.

Medical Records

- Medical treatment records shall be afforded protected status. Records are not released without the written consent of the patient with exceptions as prescribed by law.
- Information concerning a patient shall be furnished in compliance with a court order or a lawfully issued subpoena. A reasonable effort shall be made to notify the patient in advance of compliance with a lawfully issued subpoena.
- Medical treatment records shall be stored in compliance with state and federal guidelines.

Physical Examinations in Health Center:

Student Health Services provides physicals for Health Science students who wish to use this service to obtain the required physical examination to enter Riverside Community College District's Health Sciences programs. The Health Center must make the same service available to every student; therefore, a fee must be established for these physical examinations.

Students pay \$25 for the cost of the physical examination. The student will be pre-screened by the nurse, including height, weight, blood pressure, and if specifically required, vision screening, and audiometric testing will be performed at no additional cost. The student will be examined by the physician or nurse practitioner after the pre-screening and lab work are completed. If required, tuberculin skin testing and immunizations will be provided at additional cost.

Laboratory Tests in Health Center:

Student Health Services provides students in-house laboratory testing and obtains laboratory specimens to be sent to a private laboratory for testing, when requested by the student or ordered by a licensed physician or registered nurse practitioner.

Students pay no more than \$5 service fee over the cost of each laboratory test for collection and handling.

Medications Dispensed in the Health Center:

Student Health Services provides students with over-the-counter medications and with prescription medications ordered by a licensed physician or registered nurse practitioner. Students pay not more than a \$5 service fee over the cost of each prescription medication to offset preparation and dispensing costs.

Office of Primary Responsibility: College Health Services Departments

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