



## **AP 5200                      STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

### **References:**

Education Code Sections 76401 and 76355;  
Title 5 Section 53411;  
Title 17 Section 2500

The District provides health services to assist students in maintaining physical and mental well-being so that they can pursue their educational goals. Services provided include clinical services, health education, personal counseling, and referrals to off-campus health and wellness services.

### **Scope of Services**

Student Health Services operations are developed and approved in consultation with a physician to comply with regulations as specified in state law.

### **Clinical Services**

- Clinical services providing short-term basic care and services necessary for the treatment of acute illnesses and injuries
- Mental health services including crisis management, short-term personal counseling and alcohol and other drug counseling
- Referrals to private providers or community services for conditions requiring long-term management, such as eating disorders and chronic mental illnesses
- Limited crisis management provided by a licensed mental health practitioner

### **Support Services**

- Office procedures and medical records are managed by clerical personnel.
- Laboratory services are provided by licensed staff or a licensed, contracted laboratory.
- Pharmaceuticals may be provided for sale with a prescription on a limited basis, and prescriptions may be provided for medications not available internally.
- Referrals may be provided for radiology, dental, optometric, and other services not available internally.
- Health education services are provided by registered nurses and other Student Health Services personnel.



### **Personnel**

- Supervision is provided by a health services professional with overall responsibility for developing and directing Student Health Services. Pursuant to Title 5 Section 53411, this health services professional must have a master's degree in nursing and a California Public Health Nurse certificate, or 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 shall be provided by qualified and licensed health care professionals.

### **Medical Records**

- Medical treatment records shall be afforded protected status in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations. Records shall not be released without the written consent of the patient, with exceptions as prescribed by law. Under California law, health care providers are required to report specified diseases or conditions to the local health officer in the jurisdiction where the patient resides (Title 17 Section 2500).
- 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.

### **Laboratory Tests**

Student Health Services provides in-house laboratory testing and obtains laboratory specimens to be sent to private reference laboratories for specific testing when ordered by a licensed health professional.

### **Medication Dispensing**

Student Health Services provides over-the-counter medications and prescription medications ordered by a licensed health professional. The cost to students shall be based on the medications prescribed.

### **Student Health Fee Waiver**

Students enrolled in credit classes in the District are assessed a health fee which enables them to utilize the services provided by Student Health Services. As provided in



Education Code Section 76355, students who meet any of the following conditions may be exempted from paying the fee. These students are:

- a part of an approved apprenticeship program;
- dependent children or spouses of members of the California National Guard who are killed or permanently disabled while in the active service of the state;
- active members, supported by written verification, of a religious organization that depends exclusively upon prayer for healing;
- dual enrollment students registered for credit courses on a high school campus only; or
- currently incarcerated.

Also see BP/AP 5210 Communicable Disease.

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