

STUDENT SERVICES

AP 5200 STUDENT HEALTH CENTERS

References:

Education Code Sections 76350-76395, and 76401;
Title 5, Sections 53411 and 54702

General

Student Health Centers will operate at any Palomar Educational facility in which students are assessed the health fee. The level of service available at each Student Health Centers will vary depending on funding, assessment data and demonstrated need. Services will be available for students during each semester (Fall, Spring, Summer)/Intersession (Winter and Summer) a student health fee is assessed.

Payment of the Student Health Fee entitles the student to free evaluation(s) by a medical professional (Medical Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse and/or Behavioral Health Counselor). Student Health Centers will charge fees for additional services that include nursing, dental assisting, child development, and sports physical examinations, prescription medications, specialized medical and laboratory procedures. Charges for prescription medications and laboratory fees will not exceed \$5.00 above the cost charged to the Student Health Center.

The Student Health Center Advisory Committee, will meet at least once a semester to evaluate current services relative to student needs, review health fee income and expenditures, identify materials and services not covered by the Student Health Fee for determining optional service fees, and make suggestions and recommendations to the Director of Student Health Services and District administration.

The services provided to students, whom are currently enrolled and have paid the student health fee include:

- **Clinical Care Services:**
 - Acute and primary care services that includes assessment, intervention, and referral for acute medical conditions or specialist evaluation.
 - First aid, and basic emergency care with referral for advanced medical care.
 - Communicable disease control that includes immunization services, surveillance and reporting suspected disease outbreaks and liaison with San Diego County Public Health Officials.
 - Reproductive healthcare includes basic examinations for STDs, breast abnormalities, birth control and health education.

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(Replaces Palomar College Policy 450, Procedure 418.2, and all previous versions of AP 5200.)

- Physical examinations and immunizations for entrance into academic programs (nursing, child development, paramedic, dental assisting, fire and police academy) - service fee will be charged for the physical exam as well as laboratory and immunization requirements.
- Laboratory Services – testing provided by a licensed, contracted laboratory for an additional service fee.
- Prescriptions – medication dispensed for a service fee or provided in written form for what is not stocked in the pharmacy.
- Behavioral Health Counseling
 - Crisis Management – assessment and intervention for students’ experiencing psychological crisis in collaboration with Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT), Disability Resource Center (DRC) and Campus Police for referral to local community agencies for continued care and/or hospitalization for imminent harm to self or others.
 - Short Term psychotherapy- assessment and provide limited therapy and referral services to local community psychological resources.
 - Case Management- collaborate with Disability Resource Center and Academic Counseling to provide ongoing monitoring and support therapy for students, whom are experiencing chronic mental illness and academic challenges/difficulties.
- Support Services
 - Confidentiality and Mandated Reporting- compliance with State and Federal privacy laws. Protected health information is released as mandated by law (for example, pertaining to communicable diseases, sexual assault, domestic violence, harm to self or others, child abuse). Healthcare providers such as physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and behavioral health counselors along with BIT members, Campus Police, Vice President of Student Services, Director of Student Affairs share information with each other on an as-needed or need-to-know basis.
 - Medical and Behavioral Health Treatment Records- Medical record documentation (physical or electronic form) is released when an individual authorizes, in writing, release of his/her protected health information to other healthcare providers or agencies or when requested under a court order. Records are kept for 7 years, by law and then destroyed.
 - Medical Injury and Worker Compensation Reports- assist students with completion of medical injury report and forward these report to Risk Management Office and Environmental Safety Officer. Assist full and part time employees or student injury during academic program authorized clinical

experience complete Workers Compensation Injury report and forward to Human Resource for processing and follow-up.

- Student Accident Insurance- premiums for the insurance (not athletic insurance) are paid through student health fees revenues. Staff assist students complete accident insurance claim forms and submit to company for processing.
- Special Services
 - Health Education and Wellness Programs -- provided by registered nurses and health education personnel that includes but not limited to classroom representations, seminars for faculty and staff, monthly health promotional events, financial and administrative support for student clubs such as Active Minds.
 - Teaching and Research- provide clinical experience opportunity for student workers interested in the healthcare field. Research consists of quality assurance initiatives, program review, service activities outcomes and student health needs assessment surveys.

The Health Services facilities and environment shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal building codes and regulations.

Also refer to the Palomar College Catalog, class schedule and the Student Health Centers webpage.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Student Services