STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Operations of the college student health centers (Saddleback College Student Health Center and Irvine Valley College Health and Wellness Center) 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.

The following services of the health centers shall be available to all enrolled students currently attending classes in the semester in which the health fee is paid.

II. 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, preventive health screenings, communicable disease control programs and general health appraisals.

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, chronic health problems and chronic mental illnesses are referred for further care by private practitioners or community services.

4. Management of crisis situations 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 a parent or guardian of a patient receiving care is confidential with exceptions as dictated by law.

III. SUPPORT SERVICES

1. Laboratory services are provided by a licensed, contracted laboratory.

2. Pharmaceuticals are provided internally on a limited basis. Prescriptions are provided by the health center physicians.
3. Referrals are provided for radiology, dental, optometric, and other services not available internally.

4. Health education services are provided by health care professional personnel.

IV. PERSONNEL

Supervision is provided by a licensed Registered Nurse with overall responsibility for developing and directing student health services.

Clinical services are provided by licensed Physicians, Registered Nurses and Clinical Psychologists and supervised psychological interns.

Office procedures are managed by clerical personnel and medical records are managed by the registered nurses.

V. 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, and shall be destroyed when appropriate in a secure manner.

VI. HEALTH FEES

All students who enroll in classes held at one of the college campuses are required to pay a student health fee (Education Code Sections 54708). Students enrolled only in off-campus classes at community instructional centers need not pay the health fee, but may elect to do so in order to use the student health center services during the semester of enrollment.

Health fees are expended solely for the purpose of supporting health services and providing insurance coverage for on-campus accidents for the general student body. Health fees are non-refundable after the drop date. Fees for specific services and products shall be no more than five dollars over actual costs to offset general expenses related to the collection of specimens, miscellaneous medical supplies, etc.

Health fees shall not be expended for:
• salaries of personnel not directly involved in the delivery of health services, administrative salaries of assistant dean level personnel and above or for athletic trainers;

• costs related to athletics including insurance, ambulance costs for events, medical supplies or physical examinations;

• services provided to a select group of students, faculty, or staff.

VII. STUDENT HEALTH FEE WAIVER

As provided for in Education Code 76355, students who meet any of the following conditions may be exempted from paying the student health fee:

• 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.

• Those who are part of a Board-approved apprenticeship training program.

All requests for health fee waivers will be processed in the student health center by the Director. Applications for the waiver must be submitted before the end of the first month of classes.

References:

Education Code Sections 54708, 76355, 7640;
Title V Regulations Sections 54702, 54708