AP 5200 Student Health Services

Victor Valley College Student Health Center supports student success by promoting the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of students through accessible, confidential, equitable, and student-centered health services. Student Health Services shall operate in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and District policies.

Student Health Services

- Student Health Services shall provide health services to currently enrolled students consistent with applicable law, available resources, and the scope of practice of licensed personnel.
- The Student Health Center is intended to provide short-term health services that support student health, wellness, and academic success.
- Student Health Services are not comprehensive and are not intended to replace a student's primary healthcare provider or serve as a source of ongoing medical care.
- Students requiring long-term, specialized, or continuing medical or behavioral health services shall be referred to appropriate community providers.

Clinical Services

Student Health Services may provide clinical services including, but not limited to:

- Short-term medical care for acute illnesses and injuries.
- Preventive health services, including health screenings, immunizations, and tuberculosis screening and testing, when available.
- Program-required physical examinations, as available.
- Mental and behavioral health screening, brief intervention, crisis support, and referral.
- Health education and counseling related to individual health concerns.
- Dispensing of over-the-counter medications and health-related products, as permitted by applicable law and District procedures.
- Prescribing medications for the treatment of acute medical conditions, when clinically appropriate and within the scope of practice of authorized healthcare providers.
- Point-of-care testing and diagnostic testing, as appropriate.
- Tuberculosis screening and testing.

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Support Services

Student Health Services may also provide support services including, but not limited to:

- Health education and wellness promotion.
- Public health outreach and prevention activities.
- Health insurance enrollment resources.
- Referrals to community health, behavioral health, and social service agencies.
- Distribution of approved health education materials and preventive health supplies, as appropriate.
- Collaboration with campus departments and community partners to promote student health and well-being.

Health Promotion and Public Health

- The Student Health Center shall promote student health through education, outreach, prevention initiatives, and campus-wide wellness programming.
- Student Health Services may participate in public health activities including communicable disease prevention, health awareness campaigns, overdose prevention education, and naloxone (Narcan) distribution, consistent with applicable law and available resources.
- The Student Health Center shall collaborate with local public health agencies regarding communicable disease prevention, reporting, education, and response as required by law.

Emergency Assistance

- Student Health Services personnel may provide first aid and emergency assistance within the scope of their licensure until emergency medical services or a higher level of care is available.
- Pursuant to Education Code Section 76407, reasonable emergency medical care may be provided to minors without parental consent under circumstances authorized by law.

Medical Records and Confidentiality

- Medical and mental health records shall be maintained in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, including HIPAA, FERPA, the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA), and District records management requirements.
- Medical information shall remain confidential and shall be disclosed only as authorized or required by law.

- Information concerning a patient shall be released in response to a lawfully issued subpoena or court order in accordance with applicable law.
- Reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the patient prior to disclosure when permitted by law. All medical records or clinical notes are retained for a period of seven years, per state law, and then destroyed. For minors (under 18 years of age), records shall be retained for seven years after the minor student reaches 18 years of age, then destroyed.

Personnel

- Student Health Services shall be staffed by appropriately qualified, licensed, credentialed, and trained personnel who practice within the scope of their education, training, certification, and licensure.
- Pursuant to Title 5, Section 53411, supervision and management of Student Health Services shall be provided by a registered nurse possessing a valid California license and either a master's degree in nursing and a California Public Health Nurse (PHN)
  certificate; OR a bachelor's degree in nursing, a PHN certificate, and a master's degree in health education, sociology, psychology, counseling, health care administration, public health, or community health.
- A licensed physician shall provide medical consultation and oversight for Student Health Services in accordance with applicable law and District procedures.

Student Health Fees

Student Health Services may be supported through student health fees authorized by Education Code Section 76355. As provided in Education Code Section 76355, students who meet any of the following conditions are exempted from paying the fee:

- Students who are part of an approved apprenticeship program.
- Students who are active members, supported by written verification, of a religious organization that depends exclusively upon prayer for healing.

Program Administration

The Superintendent/President or designee shall be responsible for the administration of Student Health Services and for establishing procedures necessary to implement this Administrative Procedure. Student Health Services shall periodically evaluate programs and services to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, accreditation standards, and the evolving health needs of the campus community.

References:

Education Code Sections 76355, 76401, and 76407; Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 53411.