

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Solano Community College will endeavor to strengthen the educational process by facilitating the physical, emotional, and social well-being of students through health services that are accessible and of high quality. These services are part of the college's overall student services and help to protect both the students' and the state's investment in higher education.

Since the California Community College system does not have sufficient funds to provide adequate student health services, the burden of supporting a student health center will be shared by all Solano Community College students through a general fee.

All students enrolling in one or more credit classes, except those that qualify for a fee waiver, are required to pay a Health Services fee.

Separate Funds and Accounting Procedures. Student health fees will be collected along with other fees at the time of registration. These fees shall be deposited in the Student Health Fee Account in the Restricted General Fund of the district. All monies in this fund will be expended only to provide health services as specified in regulations adopted by the Board of Governors.

Proper Use of Funds. The programs and services for which the student health fee funds are expended must be sufficiently broad to meet health care needs of the general student body. Programs and services directed at meeting the health care needs of a select few to the exclusion of the general student body shall not be supported through student health fees. The district will use the shared governance process to obtain input on the operation of the program.

All charges to the student health fee fund must directly benefit the student health service program. Where the expense is not exclusively for the student health program, only the prorated portion applicable to the student health service program may be charged against this fund.

Allowable expenditures include health supervision and services, including direct or indirect medical and hospitalization services, or the operation of a student health center or centers, or both.

Unallowable charges to the student health fee fund are as follows:

- (1) Salaries of personnel not directly involved in the delivery of student health services;
- (2) Administrative salaries (assistant dean level or its equivalent and above);
- (3) Athletic trainers' salaries;
- (4) Athletic insurance for the intercollegiate athletic team;
- (5) Medical supplies for athletes;

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- (6) Physical examination for intercollegiate athletics;
- (7) Ambulance services and salaries for health professionals for athletic events;
- (8) Any deductible expenses for accident claims filed for athletic team members.

Exemptions

Exemptions to payment of the mandatory health fee fund will be entered in the student fee collection system. The following students are exempt from paying the required fee:

- (1) Students who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings of a bona fide religious sect, denomination, or organization.
- (2) Students who are attending a community college under an approved apprenticeship training program.
- (3) Students who receive Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waivers (BOGW), including students who
 - (a) demonstrate financial need in accordance with the methodology set forth in federal law or regulation for determining the expected family contribution of students seeking financial aid, and
 - (b) students who demonstrate eligibility according to income standards established by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and contained in Section 58620 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

Notwithstanding the provision stated above in (c), the California Education Code Section 76355 was amended to delete the low-income student exemption, the District has not exercised the option of withdrawing this exemption.

Fee Charges and Increases

Education Code Section 76355 provides the governing board of Solano Community College District the option of increasing the student health services fee by the same percentage as the increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchase of Goods and Services. Whenever that calculation produces an increase of one dollar above the existing fee, the fee may be increased by \$1.00.

The Student Health Fee currently charges \$13.00 per semester for Fall and Spring and \$5.00 for the summer session. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 76355, the District is presently allowed to charge a maximum of \$13.00 per semester and \$10.00 for the summer session.

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