**Student Health Fee**

**FAQs**

***What is the Health Fee?***

The Health Fee is charged to all students to pay for district wide health services. Services will include dental care, mental health counseling, reproductive health, primary care visits, financial counseling, legal counseling, and Medi-Cal and Healthy Families enrollment.

***Where do I access the services?***

Currently, services are planned to be offered in the Laney College Student Center (room number to be determined). Due to construction on campus, services may be relocated.

***Can I access services when campus is closed (i.e. Winter breaks, etc.)?***

No, the Health Center will be closed when the campus is closed. Please refer to the Peralta academic calendar for campus closures.

***Is there a limit on the number of times I can use the services?***

There is not a limit on the number of times you may receive services funded by the Health Fee.

***Will there be TB testing for allied health students?***

Yes, TB testing will be available beginning Fall 2010.

***What are the types of counseling services I may receive?***

Counseling services will vary depending on student need. Individual and group counseling may be provided. Psychiatric services will not be provided. However, referrals will be provided to appropriate agencies.

***Who will have access to my medical records?***

Only the Health Center doctors, nurses, and counselors will have access to your medical records. You may request a copy of your records to provide to your medical provider.

***I already have health insurance; do I still have to pay?***

Yes, you are still required to pay if you have health insurance. The fee only covers services to the Health Center. It does not cover any major medical care including ambulatory care, hospitalizations, and emergency room visits.

***If I am registered at multiple campuses, do I have to pay at each campus?***

No, you will only be required to pay the Health Fee once per semester or summer session.

***I am an international student and I am required to have health insurance to be in this country, do I still have to pay for the Peralta Health Fee?***

Yes, all students are required to pay the health fee. Paying the health fee will not meet your requirement of having insurance in the United States.

***I am a part time student, do I still have to pay the health fee?***

Yes, all Peralta students are required to pay the Health Fee, including students who are taking online classes only.

***If I have a minor child, a spouse, or other dependent, can they receive services?***

At this time, only students are eligible to receive services at the Health Center.

***I receive financial aid. Will this fee be deducted from my financial aid check and will my financial aid cover this fee?***

No, you will be required to pay your fee prior to receiving your financial aid check. Once all fees are paid, students are eligible to receive their financial aid checks.

***Who is exempt from the Health Fee?***

According to Education Code, Title V section 76355 regulations students may be exempt from the Health Fee if:

“ The student is dependent exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings for a bona fide religious sect, denomination, or organization.”

“The student is attending a community college under an approved apprenticeship training program.”

***I think I am eligible to be exempt from the Health Fee, how can I petition for a waiver for the health fee?***

Please contact the Office of Student Services at your campus to receive a waiver petition.