A. The mission of Health Services in the Peralta Community College District is to further the equality of the educational opportunity and success for all students by providing access to health services which promote the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of its students. This well-being contributes to the educational aim of our community colleges by promoting student retention and academic success.

B. Access to Health Services is supported by a health services fee paid by the student at the time of registration for fall and spring semesters, as well as summer session. Services offered include pregnancy testing, family planning, birth control, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, HIV testing, pap smears, health education, mental health counseling, TB testing, flu shots, physical exams, doctor visits, and referral services. Mental health counseling will offer assessment, evaluation, referrals, one-on-one counseling, and crisis intervention. Additional fees may apply for certain services (lab tests, x-rays, etc.).

C. Medical records and all discussions with the Student Health Services Staff are completely confidential in accordance with federal HIPAA regulations. Records are only released with the written consent of the student, unless required by law.

D. Students who have health insurance are still required to pay the health services fee. Peralta Community College District Health Services are intended to supplement any present health insurance. The health services fee does not cover major medical care, such as hospitalization or emergency room fees.

E. Students may be exempt from the health fee if a waiver petition is filed in the Office of Student Services at one of the four colleges and approved for one of the following reasons:

1. The student is dependent exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings for a bone fide religious sect, denomination, or organization; or
2. The student is attending community college under an approved apprenticeship training program.

F. Services are provided only when the colleges are open.

G. In the event of a request by the Local or State Public Health Officials, the District will respond in the following ways:

1. Cooperation with local health officers in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases in students
2. Compliance with any immunization program required by State Department of Health Services regulations.

Complete details about Peralta Community College District Student Health Services can be found at the following web site: http://web.peralta.edu/health-services/

Reference:
   Education Code Section 76401; 76403, 76355;
   Title 5 Sections 54700 et seq.;
   FERPA Guidelines;
   HIPPA Guidelines

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