Health Fee Frequently Asked Questions

• **What does the Health Fee pay for?**
  The health fee is used to fund services provided at the Student Health Center. The fee covers the salaries of all of the staff, medical supplies, health education materials, and all operational costs. A portion of the health fee pays for the school accident insurance, which alleviates out-of-pocket costs when a student sustains a class-related injury.

• **What do I get for my Health Fee?**
  ♦ Free evaluations by nurse practitioners, physicians, mental health providers, and chiropractors.
  ♦ Free or low-cost treatment for acute injuries, illnesses, and infections.
  ♦ Referrals for students needing care outside the department’s scope of service.
  ♦ Tuberculosis screening, immunizations, over-the-counter and prescription medications.
  ♦ Information on low-cost student health insurance and Medi-Cal.

• **I will not use Student Health Services for myself. Why do I pay the Health Fee?**
  The Health Fee invests in keeping the entire college community healthier. Many students with health insurance utilize our services because in many cases we are more accessible. Additional services provided to those with insurance include:

  ♦ Advanced first aid, in many cases negating the need for 911 services.
  ♦ Department participation in college-wide public health and safety activities that address the health needs of all students.
  ♦ Minimizing the spread and impact of communicable diseases such as H1N1 flu.
  ♦ Personal counseling services offering aid to those in crisis, and on-going counseling is available at no cost.

  All students are encouraged to utilize the broad range of services, resources, and information funded by the health fee and provided by Student Health Services.

• **What if I already have health insurance?**
  Surveys have shown that many students who have health insurance prefer to receive services at the Health Center for the following reasons:

  ♦ The desire to keep health visits private and confidential
  ♦ The Health Center is conveniently located and has extended hours
  ♦ Students can be seen on a walk-in basis
  ♦ Health professionals are available via the telephone
  ♦ Some laboratory tests and some prescription medication are free, and all are low-cost
  ♦ There is no co-pay or deductible

• **Are there any waivers for the Health Fee?**
  Student may qualify for a health fee waiver if they are enrolled in an apprenticeship training program or are active members of a religious organization that relies exclusively upon prayer for healing. Waiver applications are available in the Health Center or the Bursar’s Office. Written verification must be presented with the application.