

Student Health Service Policy Inquiry Charter School K-5 2020-2021

In partnership with Education Plus Health, Inquiry Charter School operates a school based health center for the provision of primary health care and State-mandated school nursing services through a collaborative staff model. The overarching vision of the school based health center is as follows:

- *to improve academic outcomes of students through improved health care and wellness*

Objectives to meet our health center goal:

- 1) Provide high quality state mandated screenings for related quality care coordination
- 2) Provide high impact disease management and acute sick care for decreased school absenteeism and emergency room use and/or hospitalization
- 3) Provide comprehensive routine well-child care including immunizations, health education, and quality care coordination

The school nursing and primary care services provided by the medical team daily include:

- Injury and illness assessment and intervention
- Medication administration with signed consent
- Coordination of vaccine, physical, and dental tracking as required according to Chapter 23 of the PA School Code (Student Health Services):
 - Annual physical exam-required upon entry into the school district
 - Annual dental exam-required upon entry into the school district and for 3rd grade students
- Pediatric immunizations required as a condition of attendance at school – reported for Kindergarten
- Preventative well-child care (vaccines and physicals) as consented to by the parent/guardian. Inquiry Charter School will ensure that students have been immunized in accordance with all state laws and requirements
- Coordination of dental services provided
- Chronic care assessment and management using spirometry for asthma, and coordination with the parent and PCP as indicated
- Diagnosis and treatment of acute illnesses as consented to by the parent/guardian
- Routine screening for student health risk including mental health using validated clinical inventories (Pediatric Symptom Inventory and Patient Health Questionnaire) for collaboration and referral to the school social work team and/or provider
- Health insurance enrollment support services

- State mandated health screenings and referral - Nursing staff will conduct student health screenings as mandated by State Law for all students beginning October 1st as well as communication with parents/guardians for referral and follow up related to health screenings, as indicated.
 - Vision screening all grades
 - BMI assessment all grades / annual height and weight measurements for all students
 - Hearing screening grades K-3
- Tuberculosis testing: We will require that students have a tuberculosis test done only if they were born in a country considered a high burden TB country and are entering our school for the first time or if they are transferring directly from a country considered a high burden TB county. Data on which countries are considered high burden will be obtained annually from the World Health Organization (WHO). Only a positive interferon gamma release assay test result or a Mantoux intradermal test using 5 TU of stabilized PPD tuberculin skin test result measuring > 10mm of induration shall be considered a “significant reaction” and evidence of latent TB infection.
- Documentation and reporting (SHARRS)

EVALUATION

An evaluation of the health center will be conducted based on several points of comparison of objective data for each academic year as compared to prior years in an effort to demonstrate the effectiveness of a higher level of school nursing care on improved student outcomes. Data to be compared includes:

- Overall school attendance
- School attendance of asthmatic students
- Emergency room utilization (as available)
- Hospitalizations (as available)
- Vaccine and well child compliance

STAFFING MODEL

Education Plus Health will staff Inquiry Charter School’s health center with a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) daily from 8:00am to 4:00pm to provide school nursing services including daily injury and illness-related care, the administration of prescribed medications with signed parental/guardian consent, State-mandated health screenings, and the coordination of primary care via school nurse practitioner or student provider.

A school nurse practitioner will provide primary care services daily for four hours. Primary care services include acute sick or injury related care, chronic care management, comprehensive and sports physicals as needed including vaccines where school volume enables, behavioral health screening and care coordination with the school as appropriate, Insurance follow up and enrollment assistance as identified and as feasible will be conducted in coordination with the school staff.

School based health center staff will provide health and wellness education to the students and their caregivers individually and in group where feasible and to teachers as appropriate related to the chronic health conditions and their considerations in the classroom. The school nurse practitioner will inform school administrators and relevant teachers of children's chronic health conditions on a need to know basis per HIPAA and FERPA.

Staff will abide by strict confidentiality storage and use practices to assure patient and student privacy. Medical information and care will be stored within the program's electronic medical records via athenahealth, a state of the art web-based health management and billing system. All medical information will be shared with school administrators as requested and as legally acceptable.

Health center staff will also provide the completion and submission of all State required reports, primarily the SHARRS after the close of the school year and the Vaccines report on kindergarten students due annually in March.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

In partnership with Education Plus Health and Belmont Charter School, Inquiry Charter School will have access to a community health center within Belmont Charter School during non-school hours for the benefit of students, families, and the broader community served by Inquiry Charter School and the Community Education Alliance of West Philadelphia. Primary care services are provided through a medical home model (primary care physician) or urgent care including CLIA-waived lab services and reproductive health care.