

Summer Campers and Related Non-students Accessing SHC Services

I. Policy

Access to the SHSU Student Health Center (SHC) is generally limited to enrolled students who have paid the semester medical services fee. However, limited access to SHC services may be granted to visitors participating in university-sanctioned overnight camps if other community services are not readily accessible.

II. Definitions

Camper-A nonstudent participating in a university-sanctioned overnight program located at the SHSU Huntsville campus

Eligible status for SHC services based on being a student currently enrolled at SHSU who has paid the medical service fee

Minor-an individual younger than 18 years old

III. Procedure

- A. University camp attendees participating in programs located at the SHSU Huntsville campus who are not eligible SHSU students may be granted limited access to SHC services.
- B. Limitations for access:
 1. The condition or presenting complaint and age of the camper must be within the scope of practice of the available medical provider. The SHC does not employ pediatricians and cannot provide definitive treatment for individuals younger than 15 years old.
 2. Minors must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other designated adult with written authorization from the minor's parent/guardian to seek medical care on the minor's behalf.
 3. Medical advice other than referral to emergency room services will not be given over the phone.
- C. Conditions of access
 1. The SHSU *Consent to Treat a Minor* form should be signed by the camper's parent, guardian, or other designated adult authorized by the minor's parent/guardian to seek medical care on the minor's behalf.
 2. An initial fee of \$35 will be assessed from either the camper's consenting parent/guardian or from the SHSU department hosting the program in which the camper is participating.
- D. Limitations of service
 1. Initial evaluation for recommendations and preliminary disposition based on the available providers' scope of practice.
 2. Testing will generally be limited to point-of-care tests for which results will be available on same day of service.
 3. Surgical procedures will, generally, not be performed on campers. Exceptions will require written informed consent of the parent or guardian.
 4. Referral to an emergency room of the camper's parent or guardian's choice, the camper's pediatrician or primary care physician, or a

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specialist as deemed indicated by the evaluating SHC provider.

E. Medical Emergencies

For campers with obvious, declared, or suspected medical emergencies, 911 ambulance should be dispatched immediately, or the camper should be routed directly to the nearest emergency room.

F. Documentation of services rendered at SHSU for campers

1. Clinic visits of non-student campers should be documented on the [Camper Patient Data Collection form](#).
2. Documentation of such visits should be filed by the medical records specialist and stored as per SHSU records retention policy.
3. Charges for services provided will be either billed to the parent/guardian by the SHC or department paid by the on-campus department hosting the camp.

III. Attachments

1. [Camper Patient Data Collection form](#)

IV. References

none