

**Louisiana State University
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER**

Chapter: 04 General Issues
Policy: 05 Eligibility and Fees

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Section I: Eligibility for Student Health Center Services

I.A LSU Students

I.A.1 Full-Time Students

All students who are identified by the University as full-time students are required to pay the Student Health Center (SHC) fee, which is included in their tuition and fees.

I.A.2 Part-Time Students

Part-time students have the option either of paying the SHC fee or a per-visit fee. Part-time students can elect to pay the fee when they register for classes. They can also pay the fee at any time during the semester in Medical Records or Mental Health Service. They start receiving services at the time they pay the fee.

If a student has dropped from full-time to part-time status during a semester and has received a full or partial refund of the SHC fee from the Office of Bursar Operations, that student must decide either to repay the remainder of the SHC fee or pay the \$25.00 per-visit fee. Part-time students who have previously paid the per-visit charge and later decide to pay the SHC fee will not receive credit for past visits.

I.A.3 Students Not Enrolled During the Summer

Students who are not enrolled in the Summer semester, but have completed the previous Spring semester and have classes scheduled for the Fall semester are eligible for services if they pay the summer fee or the per-visit charge. "Completed registration" means classes are scheduled as verified by the Office of Bursar Operations. "Classes scheduled" does not necessarily mean fees are paid.

Students who meet these criteria and part-time students who have not paid the SHC fee or per-visit fee are permitted to purchase pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter items in the Pharmacy; no additional fees will be added to the cost of their Pharmacy purchases. In addition, if they are getting contraceptive or allergy injections, they may continue to receive their

shots during the summer; they will only be charged for the injections. However, if they wish to be seen for other issues, they must pay the summer fee or per-visit charge.

I.A.4 New Graduates

If a SHC physician or mental health practitioner is treating a student who is graduating, the student is allowed one free follow-up visit after graduation at the discretion of that provider.

If the student is returning for further study at LSU and has classes scheduled, he/she is eligible for SHC services by paying the SHC fee or the per-visit fee.

I.A.5 Students Who Resign

Once a student has resigned from the University (regardless of whether the student received a refund of the SHC fee), he/she is not eligible for services except for one free follow-up visit at the discretion of the attending physician for an illness treated immediately prior to the resignation. If their student spouse resigns, non-student spouses lose their eligibility.

I.B Non-LSU Students

I.B.1 Non-Student Spouses

Non-student spouses of students may be treated in the Student Health Center provided they pay the SHC fee or per-visit fee. Payment of the fee entitles them to the same services as a full-time student.

Non-student spouses of part-time students and students who completed the Spring semester, and are registered for the Fall semester, are eligible to pay the SHC fee or per-visit fee regardless of their student spouse's eligibility status at the SHC.

Non-student spouses who have not paid the SHC semester fee or the per-visit fee are permitted to purchase pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter items in the Pharmacy. No additional fees will be added to the cost of their Pharmacy purchases.

Students must sign an agreement each semester on the Spouse Form in Medical Records or Mental Health Service that they will be billed for their spouse's semester fee and other charges. Students who wish to relinquish responsibility for the spouse charges must do so, in writing, to the SHC Business Office. If approval is given, the spouse may be required by the Business Office to pay for services at the time they are rendered.

I.B.2 Children

Children of students are not eligible for SHC services. If they are covered by the University-sponsored student insurance plan, a list of preferred providers is available in the Insurance Office.

I.B.3 Entering Students

Students entering LSU, once they have scheduled classes, are eligible to receive the MMR, tetanus-diphtheria and Menomune vaccination and the PPD during the prior semester, without paying a fee other than the cost of the injection/test. Students who have scheduled classes for the Fall semester are eligible for all services beginning the day after Spring commencement, if they pay the summer fee or the per-visit charge.

I.B.4 LSU Employees

LSU employees are eligible only for the following SHC services:

- a. Worker's compensation cases (injured on the job). Charges are billed to Worker's Compensation.
- b. Routine blood pressure checks - no treatment. No charge.
- c. Flu shots (during Fall semester only). There is a charge.
- d. LSU Profile blood test administered by the Laboratory. There is a charge.
- e. Employees traveling out of the country on *LSU* business may obtain required immunizations and prescriptions from the SHC by appointment. They are responsible for charges incurred.

LSU employees are not eligible for any other SHC services. LSU employee family members are not eligible for any SHC services.

I.B.5 LSU Retirees

LSU retirees are eligible for the following services at the SHC:

- a. Flu shots (during Fall semester only). There is a charge.
- b. LSU Profile blood test administered by the Laboratory. There is a charge.

I.B.6 Visitors

Individuals from out of town who are visiting campus *on official University business* are eligible for SHC services provided they pay the Visitor's fee. However, for urgent care services, visitors should go to a local emergency room. Special consideration may be given to and/or financial arrangements made with large groups, based on the Director's discretion.

Section II: Semester Definition

II.A Fall Semester

The Fall Semester begins the day after Summer commencement and ends the last day the SHC is opened before the holiday break. Fall intercession is considered part of the Fall Semester.

II.B Spring Semester

The Spring Semester begins the first day the SHC is open following the holiday break and ends the day of Spring commencement. Spring intercession is considered part of Spring Semester.

II.C Summer Semester

The Summer Semester begins the day after Spring commencement and ends the day of Summer commencement. Summer intercession is considered part of Summer Semester.

Section III: Fees for Student Health Center Services

III.A Service Fees

III.A.1 Medical Clinics Fees

There are no additional charges for visits to primary care physicians, the Women's Clinic (see note below) or Dental Clinic. Patients who visit the Dermatology, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology and Orthopedic Clinics are charged a Special Clinic fee, \$10.00 for an initial visit and \$5.00 for each follow-up visit. As of August 8, 2009, the Special Clinic initial visit and follow-up fees will no longer be assessed. There are additional fees for pharmaceuticals, x-rays, laboratory, injections and other special procedures.

Note: There is a charge for lab work associated with the annual GYN examination. There are also charges for optional lab work, if desired or indicated.

III.A.2 Mental Health Service Fees

There is not an additional charge for visits to see a therapist in Mental Health Service. There is a \$10.00 charge for an initial visit and \$5.00 charge for each follow-up visit to see the psychiatrist. As of August 8, 2009, the psychiatrist initial visit and follow-up fees will no longer be assessed. Additional charges apply for testing and other services.

III.A.3 Wellness Education Department Fees

All services in the Wellness Education Department are free of charge.

III.A.4 Ancillary Fees

There are fees for pharmaceuticals, laboratory and x-ray procedures, injections and other procedures. There is a separate fee schedule for Worker's Compensation patients. Ancillary fees are listed in the Student Health Center Fee & Price Book.

III.A.5 No Show Charge

There is a "no show" charge of \$5.00 per 10 minute appointment slot to patients who do not appear for their scheduled appointment in the Medical Clinic and Special Clinics. For appointments in the Women's Clinic, there is a "no-show" charge of \$10.00 per 20-minute appointment slot. In

Mental Health Service, the “no show” charge is \$10.00 per appointment, and in the Wellness Education Department, the charge is \$10.00 per nutrition appointment.

III.A.6 Refunds of Fees/ Charges

It is the policy of the Student Health Center not to refund fees for services provided in good faith. This includes, but is not limited to, the SHC fee, the per-visit fee and charges for pharmaceuticals and laboratory, x-ray and other medical procedures. The patient may plead his/her case in writing to: Director, Student Health Center, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

III.A.7 Fee Changes

Any changes to SHC fees are made by the Director, with the consultation of the Student Health Center administration and the approval of the University administration.

III.B Fee Schedule, Effective May 2009

III.B.1 Fall and Spring Semesters

Full-time students:	\$132 SHC fee for the Fall and \$132 SHC fee for the Spring (included in tuition and fees)
Part-time students:	\$132 SHC Fall fee and \$132 Spring fee \$25 per-visit fee**
Non-student spouses:	\$132 SHC Fall fee and \$132 Spring fee \$25 per-visit fee**

III.B.2 Summer Semester

Full-time students:	\$80 SHC fee (included in tuition and fees)
Part-time students:	\$80 SHC fee or \$25 per-visit fee**
Students who completed the previous Spring semester and have classes scheduled for the Fall semester and students entering in the Fall who have classes scheduled:	\$80 SHC fee or \$25 per-visit fee**
Non-student spouses:	\$80 SHC fee or \$25 per-visit fee**

III.B.3 All Year

Visitors:	\$25 initial visit fee**
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\$15 per additional follow-up visit

** Includes one free follow-up visit