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## Memorandum

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To: Superintendents/Presidents  
Chief Business Officers  
Chief Student Services Officers  
Health Services Program Directors  
Financial Aid Officers  
Admissions and Records Officers  
Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Directors

From: Frederick E. Harris, Assistant Vice Chancellor  
College Finance and Facilities Planning

Subject: Student Health Fee Increase

Education Code Section 76355 provides the governing board of a community college district the option of increasing the student health services fee by the same percentage as the increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchase of Goods and Services. Whenever that calculation produces an increase of one dollar above the existing fee, the fee may be increased by \$1.00.

Based on calculations by the Financial, Economic, and Demographic Unit in the Department of Finance, the Implicit Price Deflator Index has now increased enough since the last fee increase of June 2005 to support a one dollar increase in the student health fees. Effective with the Summer Session of 2006, districts may begin charging a maximum fee of \$15.00 per semester, \$12.00 for summer session, \$12.00 for each intersession of at least four weeks, or \$12.00 for each quarter.

For part-time students, the governing board shall decide the amount of the fee, if any, that the student is required to pay. The governing board may decide whether the fee shall be mandatory or optional.

The governing board operating a health services program must have rules that exempt the following students from any health services fee:

- Students who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings of a bona fide religious sect, denomination, or organization.
- Students who are attending a community college under an approved apprenticeship training program.

All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Student Health Fee Account in the Restricted General Fund of the district. These fees shall be expended only to provide health services as specified in regulations adopted by the board of governors. Allowable expenditures include health supervision and services, including direct or indirect medical and hospitalization services, or the operation of a student health center or centers, or both. Allowable expenditures exclude athletic-related salaries, services, insurance, insurance deductibles, or any other expense that is not available to all students. No student shall be denied a service supported by student health fee on account of participation in athletic programs.

If you have any questions about the fee increase, please contact Patricia Laurent at 916.327.6225 or [plaurant@cccoco.edu](mailto:plaurant@cccoco.edu).