



Initial Enrollment

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Bassett Healthcare and your school district look forward to beginning a collaborative relationship providing health care to the students in your community. This innovative health care delivery program is called a School-Based Health Center (SBHC). Your School-Based Health Center will provide primary and preventive health care services to students enrolled in the program right in the school. These services will include:

- complete physical examinations
- health screenings
- immunizations
- diagnosis and treatment of both short and long term illnesses
- mental health services
- health education

It is important to note these services are available only when school is in regular session. Please see the blue Question & Answer sheet for more details.

The School-Based Health Center will bill students' health insurance for all services provided, including physical examinations. We stress that no family will ever have to pay out-of-pocket for any service provided at the SBHC. We recommend that you become familiar with your child's health coverage especially regarding physical exams. If you do not have health insurance or your health insurance does not cover SBHC visits, there will be no charge. If you do not have health insurance for your children and are interested in how you can receive information on free or low cost insurance, please call your child's School-Based Health Center for assistance.

If you should receive a statement from your child's health insurance that you do not understand or if you inadvertently receive a SBHC bill from Bassett Healthcare, please contact your SBHC office immediately.

In order for the SBHC to provide optimal care and to receive insurance funds to help sustain its operations, it is important that we have current information on your child's health and his/her current health insurance. We kindly ask that you complete the attached forms:

- ❖ **Student Information Form**
- ❖ **Consent to Bill Insurance**
- ❖ **Initial Health History Form**
- ❖ **Notice of Privacy Practices**

Please return these forms to the SBHC office in the enclosed pink envelope as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact a member of the SBHC team if you have any questions.

We suggest that you periodically check our website www.bassett.org/wc/sbhc.cfm for updates and new information. We will also be including information about the SBHC on your school's website.

Thank you for your help. We look forward to an exciting, healthy year.

Sincerely,

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Director, School-Based Health



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