

May 25–26, 2017

ITEM 175-2704-R0517

Request for authorization to increase the Health Services mandatory fee; Montana State University Billings

THAT

In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 940.12.1, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University Billings to increase the health services mandatory fee proposed by the student government and voted in support of by the student body.

EXPLANATION

Student Health Services offers primary care, Well Woman examinations, sports medicine, basic lab tests, educational programs, counseling, among other services – all included in the Health Fee, or low-cost. The on-campus health services provide the best opportunity for timely intervention with contagious illnesses and other public health concerns. Student Health Services staff members specialize in working with college students and provide services from a preventive and educational approach. Staff are involved with local, regional and national organizations and affiliations, which helps ensure we are staying current with best practices for college health.

On December 2016 Student Health Services earned accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). This is a nationally-recognized three-year accreditation. Achieving and maintaining accreditation impacts budget and these costs have been built into the operating budget.

The fee increase will help prevent the elimination or reduction of services at Student Health Services (includes Counseling Services), permit maintaining current operations (physical & mental health services, sexual assault prevention & response, and wellness/health promotion), coupled with services anticipated through the implementation of recommendations made by Board of Regents Suicide Prevention Task Force.

The Student Health Service fee is currently a \$74.00 flat fee for student with 7 or more credits. We are proposing an increase of \$3.50 in FY18 and \$3.25 in FY19.

Current Fee:	\$74.00 per semester			
Proposed FY18:	\$3.50 increase	4.7% increase	New Fee Total:	\$77.50
Proposed FY19:	\$3.25 increase	4.2% increase	New Fee Total:	\$80.75

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1 – Proposed Mandatory Fee Schedule
- Attachment #2 – Vetting & Student Approval Process
- Attachment #3 – ASMSUB Fee Increase Resolution
- Attachment #4 - Health Service Utilization Data & Rationale