

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MANDATORY FEES REQUESTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

Mandatory Fee: Health Services

Current Fee Level FY16: \$160 Fall/Spring – Summer \$107

Proposed Fee Level FY17: \$175 Fall/Spring – Summer \$118

FY 2015 Revenue: \$8,979,414

Fee Review Organization: Student Health Advisory Committee

Current Use of Revenue

Health Services is multispecialty, ambulatory center that provides healthcare and health education to students and their spouses/domestic partners. Our state-of-the-art, 40,000-square-foot facility within the Joseph Brown Whitehead Building, provides primary care, women's health, psychiatry, travel, immunization and allergy care. There is on-site pharmacy, laboratory and radiology as well as nutrition services. Our staff consists of board certified physicians and certified nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Our professional staff also includes registered nurses, medical assistants, pharmacists, health educators, and laboratory and radiology technologists. Appointments are required for most services.

General Services Covered by the Health Fee

- Unlimited visits to a clinician in Primary Care and Women's Health. Limited visits to Psychiatry.
- Other services include
 - X-ray/interpretation by radiologist
 - Consultations with a pharmacist
 - EKG
 - Travel Clinic consultations
 - Urgent care & first aid
 - Flu shots
 - Some lab tests
 - Pregnancy testing
 - Health Promotion services
 - Blood pressure screening

The health fee allows the following services to be offered at a low cost:

- Psychiatry Clinic
- Laboratory testing
- Allergy Clinic
- Prescriptions
- HIV testing
- Gynecological testing
- Medical/orthopedic supplies
- Nutrition consultations
- Travel medications

Students may receive services based on enrollment at Georgia Tech and payment of the health fee or on a fee-for-service basis. Students taking 4 hours or more are automatically assessed this fee and are eligible for care upon registration. Students taking less than 4 hours, taking a semester off from class or participating in a cooperative program may receive services by paying the health fee or on a fee-for-service basis. Students' spouses and domestic partners are also eligible with payment of the health fee or on a fee-for-service basis.

Explanation of FY 2017 Fee Request

During the three years (FY14-FY16) that the student health fee has remained constant, the cost to provide care increased dramatically. Over the period, total actual expenses increased 18.0 percent with the majority of the increase in Personal Services. The last increase in the student health fee occurred in FY2013 when the health fee increased from \$154 to \$160. Despite this increase, a peer analysis for Fall 2015 demonstrates that Stamps health fee remains one of the lowest amongst our 12 peer institutions.

Stamps is requesting an increase in the health fee. The increase will be used to fund clinical services to meet the increasing needs of students, and cover increasing operational expenditures. Specifically, the fee increase will cover the addition of three (3) new mental health case managers and associated increases in professional development and fringe benefits, full-time Psychiatrist hired in FY2015 as a result of the mental health initiative, the additional 50% salary of our nutritionist, whom we currently share with Campus Dining Services and a marketing/communications officer who we share 50% with BuzzCard Services, and increases in personal services.

Consequences if Request for Fee Increase is Not Approved

Without a fee increase, the 10-year budget projection shows total expenditures in excess of total revenue and Health Services will be forced into deficit spending to maintain its current services which can only be sustained for a limited time based on current reserves. With no increase in the health fee, new or expansion of clinical services, and initiatives related to the health and safety of students, will be limited or not possible.