Healthy Kids Clinic FAQ

Wayne Co. Schools and Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc. are excited to introduce our new “Healthy Kids Clinic” in your child’s school for the 2015 – 2016 school year! In order to ensure complete transparency and to assist parents in making the best health decisions possible for their students, we have prepared a list of frequently asked questions to address any lingering questions related to this exciting new program:

Who is Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc.?

Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc. – our Healthy Kids Clinic parent organization – is a Federally Qualified Health center with 25 community health center locations across 17 counties in south central and north central Kentucky including neighboring McCreary Family Medical Center (Dr. Cassie Floyd Tyner and Nurse Practitioners Corena Gibson and Kelly Morgan), Whitley Family Medical Center (Dr. Jerald Burgess, Dr. John Patton and Nurse Practitioners Daphne Clark, Susan Jasper, and Thuresa Cash), and Clinton Family Medical Center (Dr. Tammy Brown, Dr. Shirley Catron and Nurse Practitioner Carol Denney). In fact, these clinics have been a vital part of our medical community for several years. Should you give permission for your child to be seen at school in the Healthy Kids Clinic, you are welcome to be there for the visit if you choose.

Will I or my insurance be charged every time my child goes to the school nurse now?

No. Your child will never be seen by a medical provider for a “chargeable visit” unless you give your permission on that day when the school nurse calls you. You will always have the option of picking up your child and taking him/her to the doctor of your choice – just like you have always had. Your child can always see the school nurse for those everyday issues that may require a band-aid, an ice pack, permitted over-the-counter medications, etc. Students who receive a daily prescribed medication that is administered by the school nurse will still get that medication. None of these services are billed to the parent and will not be turned into insurance, etc.

Will you see my child for an office visit without me knowing?

No. Even if you sign the permission form stating that you will allow your child to be seen by the Nurse Practitioner, we will always call you BEFORE the child is seen to double-check and make sure you are aware and give permission. Parents/guardians are always welcome to attend the visit if you so desire.

Will I still be able to take my child to his/her primary care physician?

Absolutely. We encourage you to have a family medical home and maintain regular checkups for both yourself and your children. Our Healthy Kids Clinic is not intended to replace your family physician or child’s pediatrician; it is merely an option for speedy treatment when needed and desired to keep your child healthy, in school, and reduce the amount of time parents may have to spend away from work.

What about my co-pay?

In the event that your child is seen by the nurse practitioner with your permission in the Healthy Kids Clinic, if applicable, your insurance co-pay will be applied to that visit just the same as if you were at your regular doctor’s office. You DO NOT have to make this payment at school. You will receive an invoice from Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc. in the mail for that co-pay amount.
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Is this program for all types of insurance?

The Healthy Kids Clinic is for all kids! Every student in the Wayne County School system is equally important to us! All students can be seen in the Healthy Kids Clinic with parental permission regardless of their family income or insurance status.

Will my child receive medicines without my permission?

No child will receive any type of treatment without parental permission on the day of service. Any prescription that the Nurse Practitioner may prescribe for your child will be faxed to the pharmacy of your choice to be filled at the parent’s discretion. The Healthy Kids Clinic does not dispense any prescription medications or birth control products.

Will school officials have access to my child’s personal or health information?

The same rules that govern patient privacy in a regular physician’s office are the same rules that apply in the Healthy Kids Clinic. No unauthorized school personnel will have access to any personal health records without the express written consent of the parent or guardian.

Will this program go away?

Wayne County Schools along with Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc. are here to stay! We anticipate a long and healthy partnership that will result in healthier kids and a healthier community.

Can my child continue to receive school nurse services without signing a consent for them to see the Nurse Practitioner?

Absolutely! The Healthy Kids Clinic is just one option available to help keep your child healthy and safe while at school. Traditional school nurse services like getting an ice pack, receiving a daily medication, a band-aide, etc. will be continued the same as always without cost and without the services of the Nurse Practitioner. We would like for you to please complete and return the registration form and medical history forms, however, as these have necessary information regarding allergies, etc. and also allow for you to give permission for your child receive an over-the-counter medication such as Tylenol or a cough drop, etc. if needed.

If you did not complete the Healthy Kids Clinic permission forms, please do so as soon as possible and return to your child’s school. If you have other questions, please contact your school’s Healthy Kids Clinic at the toll free number below. We’ll be happy to answer them!

Thank you! We look forward to a healthy and productive school year and are confident that the Healthy Kids Clinic will play a large role in this success!