

136F.20 STUDENT HEALTH.

Subdivision 1. **Health service.** The board shall offer health services for students at each state university and may offer health services for students at each state college. The health services may be offered either on campus or in the nearby community. The board may charge each student a health service fee set by the board. The fees shall be used to maintain the health service and equip and construct facilities. The fee may be used to contract for health, medical, and hospitalization insurance for students. The fees shall be deposited in an activity fund and are annually appropriated to the board for the purposes of this subdivision. Each state college and university shall provide an annual financial accounting of the health service money to the board.

Subd. 2. **Health benefits.** The board may contract for hospital benefits coverage and medical benefits coverage for students in the state colleges and universities in the same manner as authorized by section 43A.23 for state employees.

Subd. 3. **Mental health services and health insurance information.** (a) The board must contract with one or more independent mental health organizations to provide mental health care, including by use of telemedicine, on campus at up to five state colleges. To be eligible to apply for the program, the state college must employ one or more faculty counselors. These grants are designed to build on the current support provided by faculty counselors and are not a replacement for them. Mental health services must be provided without charge to students who are uninsured, who have high co-payments, or whose health insurance does not cover the service provided. A memorandum of understanding shall be developed between the college and the mental health organization outlining the use of space on campus, how the students will be notified of the service, how they will collaborate with faculty counselors, the provision of services, and other items.

(b) A mental health organization providing mental health care under paragraph (a) must also provide information and guidance to students seeking health insurance.

History: 1995 c 212 art 4 s 19; 2019 c 64 art 2 s 37