

# The PATCH Center

The PATCH Center is a School Based Health Clinic formed through collaboration between Hannibal School District #60 and Clarity Healthcare. The purpose of these services are to make healthcare accessible and affordable to all Hannibal School Districts students, faculty, staff, and retired staff who continue to receive insurance benefits by maintaining a working healthcare center on the Hannibal School District premises.

The PATCH Center will be located on the main floor of the Special Services building. This facility is currently being remodeled and may not be ready by August 17, 2017. However, in preparation for the start of school, The PATCH Center staff will be available on Thursday, August 17th and Friday, August 18th from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Education office to administer any vaccinations that our students may need. When completed, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and Open House will be made available to our parents and staff.

The PATCH Center staff consists of the following:

- Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Nurse
- Licensed Counselor(s)
- Community Support Worker/Receptionist

\*Additional staff will be provided if the demand for services is greater than anticipated.

The PATCH Center will be open Monday - Friday starting on August 14, 2017. Hours are as follows:

- Nurse Practitioner/Licensed Nurse 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Licensed Counselor(s) 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Community Support Worker/Receptionist 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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## FAQ's

*Are Hannibal School District faculty and/or staff required to use The PATCH Center?* **No; however, those who do use The PATCH Center will have a reduced co-pay (\$10).**

*How much money did it cost the Hannibal School District to develop and implement The PATCH Center?* **The ONLY cost to the school district was the new sidewalk that was poured to ease access to the front of the SSC building. All remaining costs have been paid for by Clarity Healthcare.**

*Will The PATCH Center have the ability to prescribe birth control or other methods of protection to our students?* **No; The PATCH Center cannot provide any services that are not approved through Board policy.**

*Does the addition of a Nurse Practitioner and a Licensed Nurse mean that we will not have school nurses in our buildings?* **No; the addition of the Nurse Practitioner and a Licensed Nurse can be additional support to our current school nurses. As a general rule of thumb, these services would extend beyond what a School Nurse would typically treat.**

*Does the addition of a Licensed Counselor mean that we will not need as much counseling support in our buildings?* **No; The PATCH Center is starting with one licensed counselor that will travel to buildings to see their clients. I anticipate that additional counselors will be added to staff as the demand for these services increase. Referrals to this counselor will run through the District DTM process.**

*Does the Nurse Practitioner have the ability to prescribe medications and perform labs?* **Yes; The PATCH Center may also have the ability to provide prescription drugs at a reduced cost. This could be a cost savings to our students, faculty and staff.**

*Will all students have the ability to receive services from The PATCH Center?* **Yes; all students who are seen by the staff at The PATCH Center must have a signed consent from their parent/guardian.**

*How do students pay for these services?* **Students utilizing The PATCH Center will use the same type of payment as they would at any other medical establishment, ie. Medicaid, private Insurance, etc. In addition, Clarity has a sliding scale based on parent/guardian income so services can be provided at an affordable rate.**

*Do you just show up at The PATCH Center?* **No; phone lines are being hooked up and faculty/staff can simply call to let the receptionist know who needs to be seen and why. The patient simply comes over to THE PATCH Center to be seen. Students needing medical care will need parent consent for an approved staff member to transport or the parent can always transport.**