

BREWER SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

STAFF

The School-Based Health Center staff consists of an experienced physician assistant, dental hygienist, dentist, and a licensed therapist.

The school nurse and guidance counselors are not members of the School-Based Health Center staff, but will work closely with our team to coordinate student referrals into the health center and assist with follow-up as needed.

CONFIDENTIALITY

We strongly recommend parental participation, however all medical records containing information regarding mental health, substance abuse treatment, and certain medical care such as STD treatment, must be kept confidential by law, just as in your doctor's office.

Brewer SBHC will maintain secure, confidential patient information in an electronic medical record.

A copy of our Privacy Practices is available at PCHC.com under the Patient Resources tab if you wish to review or print this information. You can also contact us at 404-8000 ext. 1297 if you would like to request a paper copy.

AFTER HOURS CARE

If you name Brewer SBHC as your child's Primary Care Provider, after-hours care is available by calling Brewer Medical Center at 989-1567 or by visiting any PCHC Walk-In Location.

ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Any Brewer student with a parent/guardian-signed enrollment form on file may use the services of the School-Based Health Center throughout the school year.
- ▶ Students who are at least 18 years old, emancipated minors, married, or who live independently, may sign permission for themselves.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The School-Based Health Center staff invites parents to be an integral part of a student's health care plan. Parents are welcome to call or make an appointment to come in to the School-Based Health Center with questions or concerns about their child's health or accompany them to a Health Center visit as appropriate. Staff will make every effort to inform parents about their child's diagnosis and treatment when appropriate.

VISITS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT OR WALK-IN

Brewer High School SBHC **992.2456**
Brewer Community School SBHC **992.2393**
After hours, weekends, holidays & school vacations:
Brewer Medical Center: **989.1567**



**Penobscot Community
Health Care**



Brewer High School

Brewer Community School (Pre K - 8)



A partnership of the
Brewer School Department and
Penobscot Community Health Care

BREWER SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER (SBHC)

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services will be provided by an experienced Physician Assistant (PA-C). The health centers will operate at both the Community School and High School on a daily basis when school is in session.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Coordination with the School Nurse
- Physical Exams (including Sports Physicals)
- Diagnosis & Treatment of:
 - Acute Illness
 - Sore throat, cough, fever, etc.
 - Minor Injuries
 - Chronic Illness (asthma, diabetes, etc.)
- Immunizations



MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES

Mental Health and Substance Abuse counseling will be offered by our therapist.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Mental Health screenings & evaluations
- Counseling & Treatment of any Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Issues
- Individual, Family & Group Education/Treatments

DENTAL SERVICES

A Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) and Dentist is available to provide:

- Oral Health screenings
- Routine cleanings
- Hygiene education
- X-rays
- Fillings
- Simple Extractions
- Sealants
- Flouride Treatment

Why should my child use the School-Based Health Center?

The convenience of an on-site medical health center will save you time from your work schedule and will allow the student to receive immediate and convenient health care. **Ultimately, our goal is to reduce absenteeism and increase access to high quality health care.**

How will this affect my relationship with my Primary Care Provider?

Treatment provided at Brewer SBHC will not take the place of your current primary care provider. Instead, sick children can receive immediate medical care when needed, without the need of the parent to leave work.

If your child does not have a Primary Care Provider, Brewer SBHC will provide that service upon the parent's request.

How would my child make an appointment?

- You can call the health center directly to schedule an appointment
- Children in grades 7-12 will be scheduled for an initial appointment with the health center to administer a confidential health questionnaire that is used statewide.
- Should the student become ill during school hours, they should report to the school nurse. The school nurse will refer the student to the Brewer SBHC for further care if needed.

How will I be billed when my child is seen in the health center?

Following the visit to Brewer SBHC, **a bill will be submitted** directly to your insurance provider or MaineCare for payment. **Bills not covered by insurance will be mailed to the parent/guardian for payment.**

We work to ensure access to clinical services for any Brewer student, at the request of the parent or guardian, regardless of their ability to pay the full fee.

An Affordable Care Plan with sliding fee scale is available to individuals who do not qualify for MaineCare but have limited income. Based upon the family's monthly income and expenses, a reduced fee will be established that is manageable for the student/family. For more information about the Affordable Care Plan, please call the Brewer SBHC.