Q. Why should I enroll my student in the Student Help & Healing Center?

A. The advantages for enrolling your children are:

- Electronic medical records are used to document each visit, allowing your family doctor easy access to this information.
- Fees are billed directly to your insurance carrier.
- When parents give permission, students can be seen without their parents present, meaning you won’t have to leave work—saving you time and gas money!
- Needed prescriptions can be sent to the pharmacy and picked up at your convenience.
- Enrolled students will be more up-to-date on their preventive health screenings and shots and less likely to be absent due to illness.

_Healthier kids improves the school experience for all!_
Q. What is the Student Help & Healing Center—Gesundheit!?
A. The Student Help & Healing Center—Gesundheit!—is a clinic linked to Sturgis Middle and High Schools. This school-linked clinic is located at Medical Commons II plaza and is a partnership between Sturgis Hospital, Sturgis Public Schools and the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency. With permission from parents, students can walk or drive to the clinic, making it easier for parents who cannot get out of work to take them to an appointment with their family physician.

Q. Who can go to the Center?
A. Students who are between the ages of 10 and 21 years can be seen at the center and receive healthcare.

Q. How much does it cost?
A. The Center will submit claims to your insurance company (standard co-pays apply but will not be required at the time of service). We can also assist you and your family with enrolling into an insurance program through the State of Michigan (i.e., Healthy Kids, MI Child or Healthy Michigan Plan) or through the Healthcare.gov Marketplace. Financial assistance may also be available through Sturgis Hospital. No student will be denied services because of an inability to pay.

Q. What services are available at the Center?
A. The Center provides services similar to your family doctor. Following your treatment, we will inform your doctor of the outcome of your visit. Typical ailments and needs for which students may be seen include:

- Skin Rashes
- Cuts/Abrasions
- Pink Eye
- Ear Infections
- Strep Throat
- Bronchitis
- Sinus Problems
- Allergy Symptoms
- Sports Physicals
- Reproductive Health
- Mental Health

The Center also provides a certified navigator who can assist families with enrolling for insurance.

Q. Who will I see at the Center?
A. Students with a physical health issue may see a licensed nurse practitioner. Students who need someone to talk to may see a trained mental health professional.

Children are absent from school for a variety of reasons, but when a student misses school, it's not uncommon for the parent to miss work. The Student Help & Healing Center can help working families to assure that students are treated early.