

Mobile Health Unit

Overview

Dayton Public Schools (DPS) is currently partnering with the Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton (CHCGD) to provide unprecedented care to students with asthma and related conditions. The MHU is a health center on wheels and is made possible with funding through the CareSource Foundation. The MHU will bring medical professionals to the students, removing barriers families must overcome to obtain health care for their child with asthma. The DPS Mobile Health Unit (MHU) is an expansion of the Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton, a federally qualified health care center, and will provide limited health care service to students in the district.

MHU Staff include:

- Licensed School Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Medical Assistant
- MHU Specialist/Driver



MHU Asthma Services provided:

- Medical exams
- Prescriptions
- School medication forms
- Asthma Action Plans
- Referrals
- Asthma education for students and families

During the MHU visit, students will receive:

- Asthma exam
- Asthma teaching (changes with each visit)
- Special Focus on teaching correct inhaler technique
- Prescriptions, school medication forms,
- Asthma Action Plans,
- Referrals as needed

Following the MHU visit, you can expect your child to bring home:

- Visit summary
- Instructions
- Educational information

How can my child participate?

- MHU Services may be provided to any K-12th students in any DPS school who have a consent packet completed. **Consent forms are available on the School Based Health Center site** or by contacting your school nurse or MHU nurse at (937) 542-3388.
- Give completed form to the school nurse. This completed consent form is valid (lifetime consent) as long as your child remains enrolled in a DPS school.

Is there a cost?

- CHCGD will bill your insurance company (including Medicaid) for any covered health care services that your child receives on the Mobile Health Unit. If your child does not have health insurance, you can apply for a sliding fee scale discount with CHCCD.

If my child already has a physician, can they still be seen on the Mobile Health Unit?

- Yes, however MHU visits do not replace the student's Primary Care Provider (PCP). Some of our students are already clients of CHCGD, so their PCP will have access to the Electronic Health Record (EHR). For students who have a PCP outside of CHCGD, information about the MHU visit will be faxed to the PCP.
- The **primary focus of the MHU is asthma**, but visits have been expanded to include:
 - Student who failed hearing and occlusive wax needs to be removed before hearing recheck.
 - Other health concerns that do not require lab work or vaccines (ear infection, pink eye, allergies, etc.)

What does the asthma visit include throughout the year?

- Student with diagnosed, reported, or suspected asthma are seen up to 4 times per school year.
- Asthma visits focus on:
 - 1) make sure student has inhaler/spacer/medication order/asthma action plan at school
 - 2) make sure student knows how to properly use their inhaler/spacer
 - 3) asthma education to promote self-management skills

Additional Information:

- **Data Tracking** is primarily compiled by the DPS MHU nurse using the eSchool EHR. Data includes: number of visits, reason for visit, number of prescriptions written, and number of referrals made. For asthma visits, additional data includes: Asthma Control Test (ACT) Score, Inhaler Skills Checklist Score, and inhaler received at school where MHU visited.