



# ABC HANDBOOK

## HEALTH

### *Insurance*

All ABC students are required to have health insurance and the appropriate health insurance identification card while attending the ABC program. Health insurance may be obtained through National ABC in the event that a student does not have medical insurance; a scholar's family may contact the Andover ABC Board President to discuss payment. Andover ABC has access to limited free medical care and occasional dental care.

### *Medical Forms*

Over the summer, each student will receive several medical forms that include Medical Insurance Coverage, Medical History (including immunizations), and Authorization for Consent to Medical Treatment. The Consent to Medical Treatment form gives authority to Andover ABC, the RD, and host families, to obtain medical treatment for the student while she is living in Andover. These forms are distributed to the host families. The above medical forms *must* be signed and mailed back, or delivered in person, *before* the start of the school year. Andover High School also requires medical forms, which must be returned before the first day of school.

### *Medical Facilities*

Andover has access to a wide range of excellent health care facilities. Lawrence General Hospital is located in Lawrence, approximately five miles from Andover. This facility provides emergency care and a wide range of other health care services. The Andover ABC is fortunate to work with a number of outstanding pediatric primary care doctors in town who see ABC students for well and sick visits. ABC will arrange physician appointments when necessary. The ABC program also has relationships with local counseling services.

### *Medical Care*

*Physical examinations, eye examinations, dental examinations, orthodontics, etc. are the responsibility of each scholar's family. Students are expected to take care of routine medical, dental, and orthodontic appointments during school vacations.*

Professional fees, laboratory tests or service fees (such as for x-rays, medicines, etc.), or other expenses as prescribed by a health care professional must be paid by insurance or by each scholar's family. The family is also responsible for the costs of prescription and non-prescription medications, and for eyeglasses and contact lenses. ABC does not assume any financial responsibility for medical services.

Andover ABC will help a student access non-routine medical care during the school year. If a student needs medical care, either in the case of illness or a school-related requirement, she should speak with the RD. The RD will contact the appropriate board member or medical facility to arrange for the appointment. Times and transportation will be coordinated with the student. Emergency care will be sought at the nearest emergency facility.

Prescription Drugs

Students are expected to inform the RD of any prescription medication they are taking.

*Right to Privacy*

ABC students have a right to privacy for all medical conditions or related issues, except in the case of a condition that may affect the student's functioning or health while living in Andover. If such a situation arises, the medical conditions or related issues may be reviewed by the Board President, relevant Board members, and the RD to determine what action is necessary. If a student has a health-related issue that requires privacy she should contact the ABC Board President, who will coordinate with only those members of the Board that might provide critical expertise or support. Any Board member assisting a student in dealing with a medical issue understands that a student's privacy is paramount.