**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES**

1. **THE STUDENT-ATHLETE RECEIVED A PHYSICAL BY THEIR FAMILY DOCTOR, DO THEY NEED ANOTHER PHYSICAL TO PLAY A SPORT FOR MASD?**

NO. AS LONG AS THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION BY THE DOCTOR WAS COMPLETED AFTER MAY 31ST OF LAST SCHOOL YEAR. BUT, JUST BECAUSE A PHYSICAL WAS PERFORMED BY THE DOCTOR DOES NOT MEAN THE STUDENT-ATHLETE IS CLEARED TO PARTICIPATE.

1. **MY FAMILY DOCTOR PERFORMED THE PHSYCIAL EXAMINATION WITHIN THE PROPER TIME FRAME, WHAT ELSE NEEDS DONE?**

FILL OUT THE ENTIRE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION PACKET FROM UPMC AND MASD, EXCLUDING SECTION 6, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE DOCTOR. IF THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FROM DOCTOR OCCURRED **MORE THAN 6 WEEKS PRIOR** TO THE OFFICIAL PIAA START DATE FOR THE SPECIFIC SPORT, SECTION 7 OF THE PHYSICAL PACKET MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO PARTICIAPTION.

**PIAA OFFICIAL START DATES APPROXIMATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

**FALL SPORTS: 2ND WEEK OF AUGUST**

**WINTER SPORTS: 2ND WEEK OF NOVEMBER**

**SPRING SPORTS: 1ST WEEK OF MARCH**

**SPECIFIC START DATES CAN BE FOUND AT** [**WWW.PIAA.ORG**](http://WWW.PIAA.ORG)

***ALL PAPERWORK RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE ATHLETICS PAGE AT*** [***WWW.MCKASD.NET***](http://WWW.MCKASD.NET)

1. **WHAT IS SECTION 7?: RE-CERTIFICATION BY PARENT/GUARDIAN**

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A PHYSICAL FOR ANOTHER SPORT DURING THE SAME SCHOOL YEAR. THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED NO EARLIER THAN 6 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START DATE FOR THE NEXT SPORT SEASON. ***FOR EXAMPLE, A FOOTBALL PLAYER WISHING TO PLAY BASKETBALL WILL NEED SECTION 7 COMPLETED AFTER FOOTBALL SEASON BEFORE BEING MEDICALLY CLEARED TO PLAY BASKETBALL.***

1. **WHAT IS SECTION 8?: RE-CERTIFICATION BY LISCENSED PHYSICIAN OF MEDICINE OR OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE?**

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY A DOCTOR AS AN EXTENSION OF SECTION 7, **IF** A STUDENT WHO HAS PLAYED ANOTHER SPORT DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS ANSWERED “YES” TO ANY OF THE SIX QUESTIONS IN SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH HISTORY.

1. **ONCE ALL OF THE PAPERWORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED, IS THE STUDENT-ATHLETE CLEARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS FOR MASD?**

NO. ALL OF THE PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED INTO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL BY THE COACH, PARENT/GUARDIAN OR STUDENT SO THAT THE PAPERWORK CAN BE EXAMINED, RECORDED AND FILED PROPERLY.

1. **A STUDENT-ATHLETE WAS INJURED AT PRACTICE OR A GAME, WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

THE STUDENT SHOULD REPORT THE INJURY TO THE COACH WHO WILL THEN REPORT THE INJURY TO THE ATHLETIC TRAINERS FOR EVALUATION AND FURTHER OBSERVATIONS.

1. **I DECIDED TO TAKE THE STUDENT TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM OR AN UGENT CARE FACILITY WITHOUT BEING SEEN BY THE ATHLETIC TRAINERS, THE OUTSIDE FACILITY SAID HE/SHE IS FINE, CAN HE/SHE RETURN TO PRACTICE/PLAY**?

NO. THE STUDENT MUST HAVE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION FROM THE FACILITY STATING CLEARANCE TO RESUME PARTICIPATING.

1. **I AM THE PARENT/GUARDIAN/FAMILY MEMBER OR STUDENT 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, CAN I GIVE AUTHORIZATION OR “SIGN OFF” TO ALLOW THE STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT A DOCTOR’S CLEARANCE?**

NO. THE POLICY OF MASD ATHLETICS IS THAT ANY STUDENT WHO IS INJURED OR INCURS AN ILLNESS THAT REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM A MEDICAL FACILITY MUST BE CLEARED BY THAT OFFICE PRIOR TO RETURNING TO PARTICPATE IN ATHLETICS.

1. **AN INJURY TO A STUDENT HAS ACCUMULATED MEDICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL CHARGES, WILL THE DISTRICT’S INSURANCE COVER ANY OR ALL PORTIONS OF THESE CHARGES?**

YES. IF THE STUDENT WAS INJURED WHILE BEING A PARTICIPANT AS A MEMBER OF AN ATHLETIC TEAM FOR MASD, IN MOST CASES, THE DISTRICT’S INSURANCE WILL COVER ANY MEDICAL BILLS THAT ARE NOT ABSORBED BY THE STUDENT’S MEDICAL INSURANCE. FOR EXAMPLE, A STUDENT’S INSURANCE COVERS ONLY $500 TOWARDS A MEDICAL BILL THAT HAS A BILL TOTAL OF $750. THEREFORE, THE DISTRICT’S INSURANCE WILL COVER THE REMAINING $250.

1. **HOW DO I FILE A CLAIM FOR THE DISTRICT’S INSURANCE TO COVER MEDICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL CHARGES?**

IF THE STUDENT IS INJURED, PLESE CALL THE ATHLETIC OFFICE AT 412-664-3680 TO REQUEST AN INSURANCE PACKET AND TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION.