

### **SHS Position on Power of Attorney and HIPPA**

Student Health Services (SHS) does not require, nor does it request a Medical Power of Attorney for your student. This is a document that would be needed only in the event that your student becomes incapacitated and not able to advocate for themselves. If an emergency were to occur at Student Health Services, our staff would contact the Emergency Contact listed on the Health History Form.

A Medical Power of Attorney is typically most useful in a hospital setting only under the above conditions so, if you choose to get one and have it notarized, we recommend that you keep a copy on your phone and that your student keeps a copy on their phone. This would make it accessible in the event that it is ever necessary.

SHS also does not require a "HIPPA form" to release medical information about your student. SHS honors the privacy of our student-patients and as such releases information about routine medical visits only with the explicit written permission of the student on a case by case basis.