

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION – STUDENT AFFAIRS
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RESPONSIBLE OFFICER – DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

POLICY STATEMENT

The University of South Carolina recognizes HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) as a national health concern that affects all segments of society. Further, individuals identified as having positive antibody to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) will be protected from discrimination at the University of South Carolina Upstate. Further, USC Upstate will follow state and federal law confidentiality requirements and regulations as to the release of medical information.

PROCEDURES

Guidelines concerning the handling of confidential medical information about students with a positive HIV antibody test or an AIDS diagnosis follow South Carolina Code of Laws Sections 44-29-135 and 44-29-136, the general standards included in the American College Health Association’s Recommend Standards and Practices for a College Health Program, the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPPA) and the Health Services Medical Records policy. Students who meet criteria for the definition of HIV/AIDS will be reported to the state and local public health authorities pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws Section 44-29-80. The Office of Disability Services is available to provide additional assistance and services for students, under provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended in 2008, Section 504.

The Office of Health Services is available for students to call with any concerns or questions. (864) 503-5191. The Director of Disability Services for students on the Upstate Campus will coordinate academic assistance and services. Students should call the Office of Disability Services at (864) 503-5199 to schedule an appointment.

For purposes of this policy, the term HIV/AIDS will be used throughout to refer to HIV-related illnesses, including a positive antibody test for HIV.

History of Revisions

AUGUST 2012 – POLICY CREATED

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