

To student athletes and their parents/caregivers:

Before you can play a sport the TSSAA (Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association) says you must get a sports physical. This is also called a PPE (Preparticipation Physical Evaluation). The PPE promotes the health and well-being of athletes as they train and compete. It also helps keep athletes safe as they play sports. It is NOT meant to stop them from playing.

Where can you go to get a PPE? In the newest PPE guidebook, the groups below say your doctor's office or the place where you get your medical care is where you can go to get it done:

- The American Academy of Pediatrics
- The American Academy of Family Physicians
- The American College of Sports Medicine
- The American Medical Society for Sports Medicine
- The American Orthopedic Academy of Sports Medicine
- It's also endorsed by the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations

There are other places you can get a PPE, but **we recommend athletes get a PPE during their Well Visit at their doctor's office or School Based Health Center.** This ensures exams cover everything important about your overall health and well-being. It also limits absences from school and sports.

We encourage you to work the PPE into the routine health care you get at your doctor's office or the place where you get your medical care. If you're enrolled in TennCare your well visits are free.

Sincerely,

Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association
Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Tennessee Division of TennCare

Do you have TennCare and need to know who your doctor is? You can call your MCO at:

Amerigroup: 1-800-600-4441
BlueCare: 1-800-468-9698
UnitedHealthcare: 1-800-690-1606
TennCareSelect: 1-800-263-5479