

**HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
SCHOOL-BASED WELLNESS CENTER PROGRAM  
TELEHEALTH SERVICES**

*A partnership between the Howard County Health Department and the Howard County Public School System*

**What is telehealth?**

Telehealth uses a secure, two –way video link between your school’s health suite and their primary care provider or Howard County General Hospital to provide acute health services to your child. Equipment operated by the school nurse will send images and sounds to the provider. Your child can be seen and treated for pink eye, strep throat, rashes, ear infections, asthma flare ups, and other minor health conditions while they stay in school. Prescriptions, if needed, are sent to the pharmacy of your choosing.

**How can my child receive telehealth services?**

Children must be enrolled in the Howard County School-Based Wellness Center located inside your school’s health suite to receive telehealth services. Please visit the school’s website or contact your school nurse for information on how to enroll your child in this valuable program.

**Will I know that my child is receiving telehealth services?**

Parents or guardians must enroll their children in the Howard County School-Based Wellness Center Program before the child can be seen. In addition, the school nurse will always call you before the child receives any telehealth services. If the nurse is unable to reach you, your child will not receive telehealth services and will be given the care routinely provided by school health staff.

**What if I can’t participate in the visit? How will I know what is wrong with my child**

A summary of the visit with the diagnosis and recommended treatment will be provided by the health provider treating your child. This summary will either be given to your child to take home with the contact information of the provider in case you have questions or if your child’s primary care provider saw your child, he or she will contact you with the visit information.

**How will I billed for the telehealth visit?**

Your child’s health provider and the Howard County General Hospital will bill your child’s health insurer, including Medical Assistance. You may be charged a co-pay if required by your insurance company. If your child does not have health insurance, you may be billed a sliding scale fee based on your family’s size and income. ***No child is ever refused services due to an inability to pay or an outstanding bill.***

**Current Pediatric Providers participating in the Howard County Health Department telemedicine network (may be subject to change):**

Ruth Agwuna, M.D.  
Paul Ambush, M.D.  
Zaneb Beams, M.D.  
Bethany Pediatrics (Dr. Undie)  
Columbia Medical Practice- Pediatrics

Nicholas Donkor, M.D.  
Ellicott City Primary Care Physicians (Dr. Hashmi)  
Ken Klebanow M.D. and Associates  
The Pediatric Center

If you have additional questions, please contact me at (410) - 313-7238, Sharon Hobson, R.N., M.S.N., C.R.N.P., School Based Wellness Program Administrator