

Coming later this year to all Westmoreland County Public Schools!



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*Telehealth is "The use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health, and health administration" - US Dept. of Health & Human Resources, Health Resources Services Administrations Definition*

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## Telehealth Services:

Telehealth Services or Telemedicine will address primary health symptoms. We are in negotiations to determine if all students will be eligible to access telehealth care service regardless of their ability to pay. Services will be accessed through the school health nurse. Keep an eye out for notification about the student enrollment forms to be distributed after the beginning of the school year.

## Expectations are high that School Telehealth Services will:

- Decrease student absences from school, and parent absences from work
- Increase overall accessibility to health care services
- Increase referrals and provisions for children's health care
- Reduce travel time and cost for children to receive health care
- Provide faster access to health care services
- Improve health and academic outcomes for students especially related to primary health conditions, childhood obesity, asthma, diabetes, behavioral and dental health





## School Telehealth

### How does it work?

First, you complete and submit a student enrollment packet including consent forms for your child to receive telehealth services.

If your child's condition is appropriate for a telehealth visit during the school year, the School Nurse or another principal-approved designee will call to inform you of your child's appointment.

Your child will be seen by a doctor or nurse practitioner using audio and videoconferencing equipment.

If a prescription medication is needed to treat your child, it will be called in to your local pharmacy for you to pick-up later.

A note will be sent to your child's regular primary care doctor to let them know your child has been seen by our Telehealth provider, and describe the care received during your child's appointment.

### How do I sign up?

The Student Enrollment Packet will be available at each school beginning in late Fall.

### Does my insurance cover the cost?

The telehealth medical provider will bill your insurance. Copays and deductibles will apply in the same way as a regular clinic/doctor's visit. At this time, the Optima Health Plan is not accepted by our medical providers.

For more information, visit our website at:

Web: [www.bayriverstelehealth.org/schools](http://www.bayriverstelehealth.org/schools)



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