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(a) In Caroline County the nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or other appropriate health care provider will be assigned, to the extent practicable, to elementary and middle schools.

(b) The services provided by the nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or other appropriate health care provider shall, to the extent practicable, include:

(1) Assessment of the health status of all targeted students in the selected elementary and middle schools including history, physical examination, neuro-developmental evaluation, and all required early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment programs;

(2) Provision of health care including well-child care and treatment of common injuries and illnesses; and

(3) Integration of health care with existing health care providers and health education programs directed at students, teachers, and parents.

(c) The nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or other appropriate health care provider shall:

(1) Collaborate with board certified or board eligible pediatricians in the health management of the school children;

(2) Concentrate on the early identification, health counseling, and referral for mental health problems, with an emphasis on suicide prevention; and

(3) Assess, to the extent possible, whether school health programs could be used as a basis for advising other family members of the student of other sources of primary care.

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