

Senate Bill 278 - *State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School Based Health Center Standards – Telehealth*
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
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This bill would allow school-based health centers to provide telehealth at a distant site while the child is in the home, without notifying the MSDE, MDH, or any local school-based leadership. The current process requires that the sponsor of the telehealth service complete a one-page form signifying a change to the delivery of services (telehealth) with a signature of the local superintendent of schools. If the MDH and the MSDE would no longer be allowed to establish any requirements for the provision of telehealth in currently approved school-based health centers, there would be no way of monitoring whether the equipment and provider are appropriate.

MSDE remains committed to supporting the expansion of school-based health centers and the use of telehealth. We respectfully request that you consider this information as you deliberate **SB 278**. For further information, please contact Zachary Hands, at 410-767-0504, or Zachary.hands1@maryland.gov.