Maryland Association of School Health Nurses



Bill:	House Bill 869 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025
Committee:	House Health and Government Operations
Hearing Date:	February 13, 2025
Position:	Support

The Maryland Association of School Health Nurses (MASHN) support *House Bill 869 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025.* The legislation extends critical telehealth reimbursement policies including audio-only reimbursement and payment parity. Telehealth can improve students' health and reduce their time away from school.¹ Telehealth can support care through two avenues: 1) School-based providers, such as nurse practitioners in school-based health centers, can serve children who are sick at home; and 2) Schools can help families keep their children in school by facilitating telehealth appointments during the school day.

We ask for a favorable vote. If we can provide any information, please contact Robyn Elliott at <u>relliott@policypartners.net</u>.

ⁱ https://telehealth.hhs.gov/providers/best-practice-guides/school-based-telehealth