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Thanks to technology, children can now receive health care services without ever leaving school.

With the use of computers and video, a nurse can link your child to a health care professional from MyChildren's. When your child is sick, you have peace of mind knowing your child has access to health care. Delivered by a name you can trust even when you're not there.

When your child does not feel well and goes to the school nurse, she can contact telehealth through MyChildren's. Telehealth can be helpful for these conditions:

****Cuts and scrapes **Coughs and colds **Fever **Ear aches ** Headaches
Pinkeye **Rashes

EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM TELEHEALTH

Telehealth is a coordinated school health strategy that will increase availability of care and improve access to resources in school settings, where children spend the majority of their day.

Families : * Care can be provided in a familiar environment and kids don't miss school.
* Allows parents to remain at work vs. having to physically respond to a "sick child" call from school.
* Supports family-centered care by providing access and convenience to care.

Schools: * Telehealth reduces absenteeism and therefore increasing revenue for school system.
* Increases instructional time for students.
* Provides long-term, on-site care management and educational opportunities for families.

School Nurses: * Expands the reach of clinical resources through electronic / technology.
* Provides access to care for sick students during school time.
* Offers continued and advanced education for the school nurse professionals.

Your child gets sick at school. It's not easy for you to leave work. What can you do? For many common conditions - and with your permission - your child can be treated through telehealth by a doctor or nurse practitioner from MyChildren's. And your child never has to leave school.

Telehealth Brings Health Care to Schools

* How does it work? When your child doesn't feel well, he or she goes to the school nurse. In many cases, the nurse can arrange to have your child receive telehealth services.

* **What is telehealth?** Telehealth uses computer and video technology to connect your child at school to a doctor or nurse practitioner at MyChildren's.

* **What happens next?** The school nurse acts as a patient presenter while your child speaks with the MyChildren's doctor or nurse practitioner through video. The child's parent or guardian may participate by phone. During the telehealth visit, the doctor or nurse practitioner will:

- * Assess: Gather information to figure out what's causing your child to feel bad.
- * Diagnose: Observe your child and determine what's wrong.
- * Prescribe: Send a prescription to your pharmacy for after school pick up - if your child needs medicine.
- * Instruct: Send your child home with information that explains his or her condition and what you need to do to take care of your child.

