

Penn Highlands Healthcare is excited to be working with the Brockway Area School District to offer parents and students a new option for pediatric care, MySchoolHealthNow. Through high-definition telemedicine video and communications equipment, the school nurse can connect with a Penn Highlands physician for evaluation. This will make healthcare for children more convenient and accessible, avoid delays in treatment and enhance learning by decreasing absenteeism.

HOW DOES THIS PROGRAM WORK?

With the parent's consent, a physician from Penn Highlands will perform an assessment alongside the school nurse. The school nurse will first evaluate the student in person. If the nurse determines the child could benefit from further evaluation, they will contact the parent to obtain verbal consent to proceed with a telemedicine visit and invite them to participate if available. The physician will complete an assessment of the student. The school nurse will assist the physician during the evaluation through the use of special equipment. The provider will have the ability to listen to heart and lungs with a digital stethoscope. The physician can closely examine the student's ears, throat, rash or abrasions with high-definition cameras.

Upon completion of the evaluation, the physician will

give instructions for follow-up care and submit an order to your pharmacy of choice for prescription medications, if needed. A record of your child's visit will be kept in their medical record at Penn Highlands for future reference.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All students in the Brockway Area School District are eligible to enroll in the school-based telemedicine program.

WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF CONDITIONS THAT COULD BE EVALUATED?

- Earaches
- Fever
- Coughs and colds
- Rashes and minor skin infections
- Abrasions and scrapes
- Strep throat and Influenza
- Headaches
- Pinkeye

There are medical needs that will require an in-person evaluation by a medical provider. You may be asked to schedule an appointment with your child's primary care physician directly if evaluation by telemedicine is not sufficient for diagnosis.

