

October 4, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for enrolling your children in the Howard County Health Department School-Based Wellness Centers Telemedicine Program, a program provided in partnership with the Howard County Public School System. This letter is to inform you that the program is changing providers. This change will not affect the care your child receives, or services provided.

Starting October 11, 2021, the highly respected and longtime Howard County pediatric caregiver, Columbia Medical Practice will take over the role of medical provider from Howard County General Hospital physicians. We thank Howard County General Hospital physicians for their years of service and welcome the pediatric staff from Columbia Medical Practice.

After a telemedicine visit with your child, a Columbia Medical Practice representative will contact you for your child's health insurance information. They will only bill your child's health insurance company. ***Families will not be responsible for paying a co-pay or for any amount unpaid by the health insurance company.***

Parents and guardians who do not wish for their child to have a school-based telemedicine visit with a Columbia Medical Practice pediatric provider may decline the visit when contacted by the school nurse. If you have questions, please email Sharon Hobson, the Howard County Health Department School Health Program Administrator at shobson@howardcountymd.gov.

Sincerely,



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