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Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):

Discuss/Approve Telehealth Services

Applicable State or Regulations:

KRS160.190 Duties and Powers of the Board 01.11

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact: There would be no financial impact on the district for Telehealth Services. Staff and student guardian insurance would be billed for services which will include Medicaid and private insurances.

History/Background: Telehealth is the provision of healthcare through long-distance telecommunications technology. Telehealth is a valuable resource that can be used by school nurses and health assistants to address and improve the health status of school children. The school nurse and health assistants will work directly with the distant clinic and designated practitioners for both urgent and chronic conditions during the regular school day. Children participating in the telehealth program experienced fewer hospitalizations (one hospitalization in the telehealth group compared to four in the usual care group) and emergency department visits. Conditions such as asthma, allergies, diabetes, celiac disease, autism and other behavioral diagnoses are becoming more prevalent. Acute conditions such as fever, viruses and injuries will be assessed and referred as needed. School nurses and health assistants who use telehealth can further meet the health needs of children in their care. The future of healthcare and school nursing is changing and telehealth is a tool that can improve care in an innovative and efficient way.

Recommended Action: Approve Telehealth program for the 2021-2022 school year.

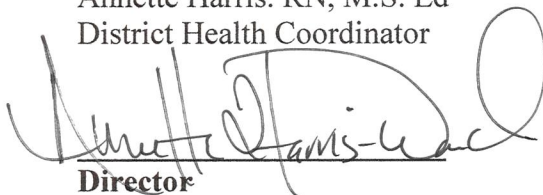
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