

# Floyd County Schools Telehealth Project



Appalachian Regional Healthcare

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**HEALTHCARE  
SYSTEM OF  
APPALACHIA**

# The Healthcare System of Appalachia



13 Hospitals

70 Clinics

6,500+ Employees

600+ Providers

64 years



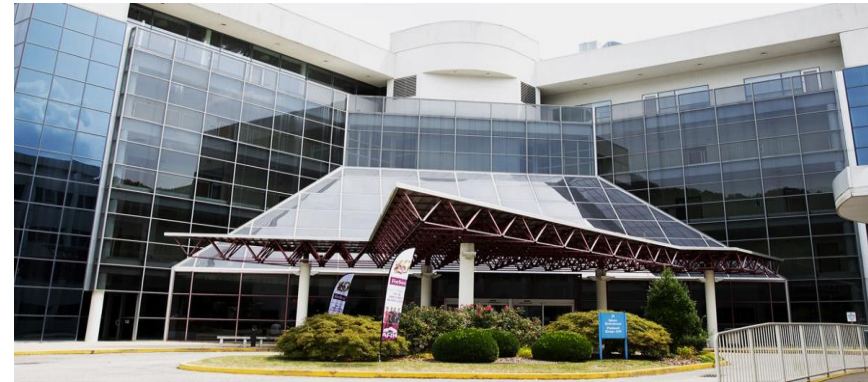
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# We Are Floyd County



ARH Our Lady of the Way



Highlands ARH Regional Medical Center



McDowell ARH



# Our Economic Impact

Employ  
**927**  
People

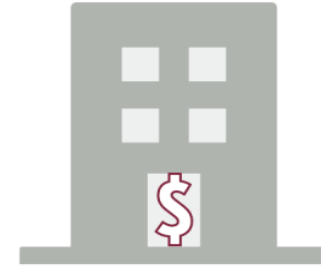


Our Employees  
Spend  
**18.8 Million**  
Dollars Locally



Pay  
**44 Million**  
Dollars in Wages

**16.4 Million**  
in Hospital  
Spending on  
Purchases



**35.2 Million**

in Economic Benefit to Local Communities

Source: KHA Hospital Community Impact Reports 2020



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# Our Economic Impact Continued

**\$3,063,673**

in Taxes Paid by Employees

**\$278,900**

Spent in Financial Assistance  
and Charity Care

Source: KHA Hospital Community Impact Reports 2020



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# Our Community Benefit

Highlands ARH Regional Medical Center - \$432,289.22

McDowell ARH - \$169,956.95

ARH Our Lady of the Way - \$104,972.78

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**\$709,218.95**

# Community Benefit to Floyd County Schools July 2019-June 2020

Floyd County Schools Events and Programming

**\$33,278.17**

Donations to Floyd County Schools and Sports Teams

**\$8,780.37**

- High School Mentorship Students
  - Youth Health Ambassador Scholarships
  - Kick the Habit Classes
  - Free Sports Physicals
  - ARH Teacher's Appreciation Event
  - Open Houses at Every School in the County
  - Practice Prom Pride
  - ARH Opioid Summit
  - Jag Pink Out
  - Floyd County Back to School Bash
- Christmas Angel Tree Drives
  - FCHS Breast Cancer Dinner
  - FCS Opening Day
  - Career Fairs
  - YHA Health Education Classes





# School Coalitions and Councils

Floyd County Community Early Childhood Coalition

FRYSC Advisory Councils

- May Valley Elementary
- South Floyd Elementary
- Floyd Central High School

Floyd County Tobacco Coalition

- 100% Smoke Free Schools
- Vaping and Tobacco Billboard Competitions in All Elementary Schools

# School Telehealth

- School-based telehealth programs improve access to healthcare by making it available where students are located.
- Uses specialized audio/visual equipment to connect patients to providers.
- Promotes learning by enabling students to stay in school for non-contagious illnesses

# Benefits of School Telehealth

Improves attendance

- Students don't have to miss class to attend a doctor's appointment
- Illnesses can be treated early, improving health outcomes and leading to fewer missed school days

Reduces missed work time for parents

Prevents reduction in funding from state sources

Reduces barriers to learning

- When students are sick, they don't learn as well

# The Technology

Mobile telemedicine carts provide a high quality audio and visual connection that's easy to move.

Specialized stethoscopes, ENT scopes and cameras allow providers to see and hear everything they would in an in-person visit





# ARH's Proposal

## Telemedicine Services at 12 Floyd County School Locations

Floyd Central

Betsy Layne

Prestonsburg High School

Renaissance Learning Center

May Valley Elementary

Prestonsburg Elementary

Adams Middle

Allen Elementary

Betsy Layne Elementary

Stumbo Elementary

South Floyd Elementary

DACE

# What We Don't Do

School telehealth is a supplement to, **not** a replacement for, other school-based health services such as speech and occupational therapy.

School telehealth also isn't meant to replace traditional pediatric or family care. We want to work with a patient's regular provider to ensure quality and continuity of care.

# We Will Not

Compete with Floyd County Schools for  
other Medicaid dollars.

Speech

Physical Therapy

Other agreed upon disciplines

# Who Will Provide Care?

Family practice doctors  
and nurse practitioners  
employed by ARH in  
and around Floyd  
County.





# How It Works

- Parents sign a consent to treat at the beginning of the school year that allows our providers to see the student.
- When the student presents with a complaint that needs medical care, the telepresenter attempts to reach parents for notification.
- The telepresenter notifies ARH that an appointment is needed and the student is scheduled with a provider.

# How It Works

- The telepresenter assists with the exam. If the provider determines that a prescription is needed, one is sent to the identified preferred pharmacy.
- If non-contagious, the student returns to class. If it is determined that the student needs to go home, a parent is notified.
- Parents are called with a post-visit follow-up and a report is sent home with the student.

# Who Can Use the Service?

Students

Teachers

District Staff



# How will care be paid for?

Telehealth services are covered by Medicaid and commercial insurances.

ARH will bill the student's medical insurance. Any remaining co-pay or deductible will be billed to the parents.

**No patient will be turned away, regardless of their ability to pay. Financial Assistance Policy of ARH will apply.**



# Resources Needed

No NEW costs to Floyd County Schools

Telemedicine Equipment

- Provided by ARH

Telepresenter to assist with student exams

- Do not have to be clinically trained
- Can utilize existing school staff

Secure broadband internet access

Telemedicine room to conduct exams

# Our Telemed Experience To Date

System Wide – **46,465** visits

Big Sandy Region – **15,452** visits

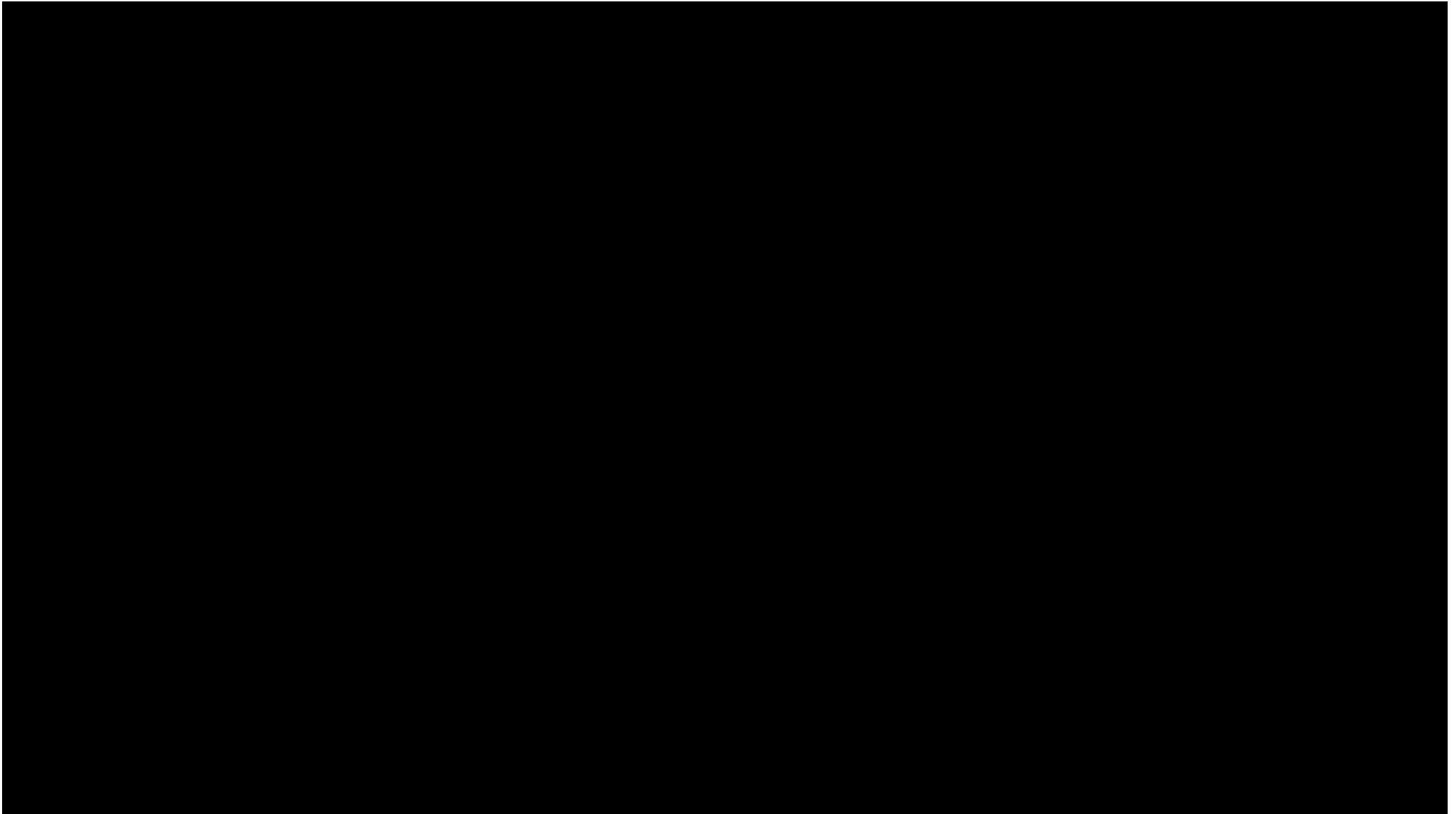
# Additional Services

Providers can be scheduled for predetermined events throughout the year to provide in-person services.

**Physicals**

**Immunizations**

**Other services as agreed upon**





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