



NORTH DAKOTA ECARE SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

Improving student success by facilitating partnerships between medical professionals, home, and school.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The North Dakota eCARE School Health Program school nursing extender service is available to ND schools with at least one part time nurse serving the school district directly. The program was developed with the mindset of providing or extending school nursing services in an affordable manner via a telehealth (live audio/video) platform using a shared services model. The mission of the ND eCARE School Health Program is to improve access to healthcare for underserved PreK – 12 ND students. Our goal is to minimize health related barriers to learning by providing safe, effective care from an experienced school nurse. According to the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), research demonstrates when chronic and acute healthcare needs are met, students miss fewer days of school and academic achievement is higher.

WHY NOW?

Chronic physical and behavioral health conditions such as; asthma, diabetes, severe allergies, epilepsy, ADHD, depression, anxiety and substance abuse, continue to increase, making it challenging to manage not only the volume of these chronic conditions, but also the complexity of the conditions. According to the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 17.1% of ND high school and 15.7% of ND middle school students report having a long term health problem yet the ND school nurse to student ratio was 1:1,748 in 2015 despite the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation of 1:750 (well students). Technology is a creative and fiscally responsible modality available to promote student health.

HOW DOES IT WORK (FOR SCHOOLS WITH PARTIAL NURSING COVERAGE)?

CREA provides ND Nursing Program Management

- Medication Administration Training Assistance (as needed)
- Care Coordination Assistance (as needed)

Sole Provider Partnership



Avera eCare provides All Day Access to a School Nurse

- Scheduled visits for students with chronic health issues such as diabetes
- Unscheduled visits for students with urgent needs such as injuries and illness
- Case Management



SCHOOL BENEFITS

- → Increased instructional time
- → Increased student attendance
- → Comfort, peace of mind, and reduced burn out of school staff
- → Access to telehealth equipment
- → Immediate access to licensed medical personnel who administer evidence-based care
- → Increased collaboration with primary healthcare providers
- → Health screening coordination
- → Health history record maintenance
- → Family engagement
- → Community engagement

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- → Defrayed travel for unnecessary medical visits
- → Cost savings
- → Experienced nurses assessing student health conditions

One time Implementation fee	Base fee	Student fee	Technology fee
\$2500	\$1000	\$12.50/student	\$1887

^{*}fees based on total K – 12 school enrollment. The nursing service fee can be prorated using a monthly rate.

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