Home-Hospital Instruction Requirements

The purpose of home and hospital instruction is to provide an education to a student with a temporary disability in their home or hospital to help maintain the student’s former level of performance while recovering so the student’s educational future is not jeopardized. The goal is to have the student prepared to return to their regular program at the end of their disability.

Home and hospital instruction serves students with a temporary disability that makes attendance in regular or alternative education classes impossible or inadvisable and the student is unable to leave home or the hospital. A temporary disability is defined as a physical, mental or emotional disability incurred while the student is enrolled in a regular or alternative program and after which, the student can reasonably be expected to return to classes without special interventions. A temporary disability does not necessarily include a disability for which a student is identified as an individual with exceptional needs. (EC 56026).

If a student requires Home-hospital instruction, the parent/guardian will provide the school with a signed Medical Report for Home Instruction by a medical professional. Once the school district has received this form, instruction will begin no later than five working days. Instruction offered will be one hour of instruction for every day of instruction offered by the district in the regular program (EC 48206.3).

The Medical Report for Home Instruction needs to be returned to the school of residence. Once received, the school will send the report to the Director of Alternative Education or Director of Educational Services. The request will be evaluated to ensure that it is complete and appropriate before a teacher is assigned. The Director of Alternative Education will assign an instructor within 5 days if the request is approved. If it is not approved, the parent and school will be notified in writing. The student’s attendance and records will be monitored by their school of residence.

If the student continues to require Home-hospital Instruction after the identified end-date on the Medical Report, a new Medical Report will be required. A new Medical Report is required if the school year starts over while the disability continues to exist.