

HOME OR HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

Upon receipt of a written order by the student's physician (using the Dept. of Education form), verifying that any student enrolled in a public school or placed by the public school in a private setting must remain at home or in the hospital for medical reasons and for a period of not less than fourteen school days in any school year, the principal or designee shall arrange for provision of educational services in the home or hospital. The services shall be provided with sufficient frequency to allow the student to continue his or her educational program, so long as the services do not interfere with the medical needs of the student. The principal shall coordinate the services with the Administrator for Special Education for eligible students. Such educational services shall not be considered special education unless the student has been determined eligible for special education services, and the services include services on the student's IEP.

The Massachusetts Department of Education has published a Question and Answer Guide on the Implementation of Educational Services in the Home or Hospital. A copy of this guide is available at the Pupil Services Office, 15 Charter Road, Acton, MA or via the Internet at: http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/ta/hhep_qa.html.

Legal Refs.: 603 CMR 28.03(3)(c) and 28.04(4).