

DRAFT UPDATE

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

6:150

Instruction

Home and Hospital Instruction

A child qualifies for home or hospital instruction if they are absent due to a medical condition, or the child's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse anticipates that due to a medical condition the child will be unable to attend school, and instead must be instructed at home or in the hospital, for a period of two or more consecutive weeks or on an ongoing intermittent basis. "Ongoing intermittent basis" means that the child's medical condition is of such a nature or severity that it is anticipated that the child will be absent from school due to the medical condition for periods of at least two days at a time multiple times during the school year totaling at least 10 days or more of absences. There shall be no requirement that a child be absent from school a minimum number of days before the child qualifies for home or hospital instruction.

Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than five school days after receiving a physician's written statement. Instructional or related services for a student receiving special education services will be determined by the student's individualized education program.

Instruction time will be provided for a minimum of five hours per week on days when school is normally in session, unless fewer hours are certified by the attending physician.

A student who is unable to attend school because of pregnancy will be provided home instruction, correspondence courses, or other courses of instruction before the birth of the child when the student's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse indicates, in writing, that she is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction as well as for up to three months after the child's birth or a miscarriage.

The Cooperative may from time to time contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the absent student with additional requests for information concerning the student's medical condition.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6a, 5/14-13.01, and 5/18-4.5; and 5/18-8.05.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.520, 1.610, and 226.300.

CROSS REF.: 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunity)

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Commented [APowell1]: Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/14-13.01(a), amended by P.A. 100-443.

P.A. 100-513 amended the definition in the Nurse Practice Act, 225 ILCS 65/50-10, to advanced practice registered nurse. This policy reflects that change in terminology, even though 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6a and 5/14-13.01 were not similarly amended.

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