

Instruction

Exhibit – Notice to Parents Regarding Homebound/Hospital Services

Home/Hospital services are provided to a student when a licensed medical physician determines that the student will or is anticipated to, due to a medical condition, be out of school for a minimum of two consecutive weeks of school (10 days) or more or on an ongoing intermittent basis.

Section 14-13.01(a) of the School Code indicates that a homebound or hospitalized student is unable to attend school due to a condition certified by a medical physician's statement that indicates that the student will or is anticipated, due to the student's medical condition, to be out of school for a minimum of two consecutive weeks of school (10 days) or more or on an "ongoing intermittent basis." An "ongoing intermittent basis" means that the student's medical condition is of such a nature or severity that it is anticipated that the student will be absent from school due to the medical condition for periods of at least 2 days at a time multiple times during the school year totaling at least 10 days or more of absences.

Once the school receives the medical physician's statement indicating that the student will or is anticipated to, due to the stated medical condition, be out of school for a minimum of two consecutive weeks (10 days) or more or on an ongoing intermittent basis and receives the district application for home/hospital instruction, there shall be no requirement that a student be absent from school a minimum number of days before the child qualifies for home or hospital instruction. Home or hospital instruction may commence upon receipt of a written physician's statement, but instruction shall commence not later than 5 school days after the school district receives the physician's statement.

Eligible children must regularly receive a minimum of one hour of instruction each school day, or in lieu thereof a minimum of five hours of instruction in a school week that school is in session. Special education and related services required by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or services and accommodations required by the student's federal Section 504 plan must be implemented as part of the student's home or hospital instruction, unless the IEP team or federal Section 504 plan team determines that modifications are necessary during the home or hospital instruction due to the student's condition.

The information below must be included in a physician's certification for home/hospital instruction:

- Student's name and date of birth
- Physician's name and contact information
- Be completed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches
- Specify the student's current medical condition
- Describe the impact of the student's medical condition on his/her ability to participate in education (including physical and mental level of tolerance for school)
- State anticipated duration or nature of the student's absence from school
- State whether there is any reason the student cannot receive 5 or more hours of home instruction per week, and if so, why
- Physician's signature and date
- Date received and by whom

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