

HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

In accordance with Massachusetts regulation requiring educational services in the home or hospital (603 CMR 28.03(3)(c)), Wareham Public Schools:

1. Upon receipt of a physician's written order 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 a hospital on a day or overnight basis, or any combination of both, for medical reasons and for a period of not less than fourteen school days in any school year, shall arrange, through the building principal or designee, for provision of educational services in the home or hospital.
2. Shall provide such services with sufficient frequency to allow the student to continue his or her educational program, as long as such services do not interfere with the medical needs of the student.
3. Shall coordinate such services with the Administrator for Student Services for eligible students. Such educational services shall not be considered special education unless the student has been determined eligible for such services, and the services include services on the student's IEP.

Although the regulation on home/hospital instruction is included in the Special Education Regulations (603 CMR 28.00) home/hospital instruction is not considered "special education" unless the student has been found eligible for special education. In other words, home/hospital instruction typically is considered a regular education service, since it is in the interest of both the individual student and the school to make it possible for the student to keep up with schoolwork while s/he is unable to attend school for medical reasons.

The Special Education Regulations also include a provision relating specifically to students who are likely to be confined to home or hospital for medical reasons for more than 60 school days in any school year. In such cases, Wareham Public Schools will comply with regulation 603 CMR 28.04(4).

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