

Hospital/homebound educational services will be provided for a student upon submission of a completed medical referral form to the local school system completed and signed by **the diagnosing** licensed physician. Included in this form shall be a statement by the physician that the student will be absent a minimum of ten school days and that the student is physically able to participate in educational instruction. The ten-day minimum absences may be waived in appropriate circumstances at the discretion of the system administrator responsible for implementing this policy.

Students are not eligible for hospital/homebound instructional services if their absence is due to a communicable disease, except as specified in Georgia Board of Education Policy JGCC (Communicable Diseases); pregnancy not requiring abnormal restriction of activities as prescribed by a licensed physician; or if such services are not specified in the IEP of a handicapped student. Hospital/Homebound instructional services may be in home or hospital settings. The student should be counted present if instructional services are provided three hours per week.

PROCEDURE: YES

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