**[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 177, 203, and 238]**

## R 2412 HOME INSTRUCTION DUE TO HEALTH CONDITION

The Board of Education shall provide instructional services to an enrolled student**,** whether a general education student in Kindergarten through grade twelve or special education student age three to twenty-one, when the student is confined to the home or another out-of-school setting due to a temporary or chronic health condition or a need for treatment that precludes participation in their usual education setting, whether general education or special education.

A. Request **f~~F~~**or Home Instruction Due **t~~T~~**o **a~~A~~** Temporary or Chronic Health Condition

1. The parent shall submit a request to the **school nurse or principal** that includes a written determination from the student's physician**, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse** documenting the projected need for confinement at the student's residence or other treatment setting for more than ten consecutive school days or **seventeen** ~~twenty~~ cumulative school days during the school year.

2. The _____ **(same staff member identified above)** shall forward the written determination to the school physician, who shall verify the need for home instruction. The school physician may contact the student's physician**, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse** to secure additional information concerning the student's diagnosis or need for treatment, and shall either verify the need for home instruction or shall provide reasons for denial to the _____ **(same staff member identified above)**.

3. The _____ **(same staff member identified above)** shall notify the parent concerning the school physician's verification or reasons for denial within five school days after receipt of the written determination by the student's physician**, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse**.



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B. Providing Services

1. The ~~school~~ district shall provide instructional services within five school days after receipt of the school physician's verification or, if verification is made prior to the student's confinement, during the first week of the student's confinement to the home or out-of-school setting.

2. The ~~school~~ district shall be responsible for the costs of providing instruction in the home or out-of-school setting either directly, through online services, including any needed equipment, or through contract with another district Board of Education, Educational Services Commission, Jointure Commission, or approved clinic or agency for the following categories of students:

   a. A student who resides within the area served by this Board of Education and is enrolled in a public school program; or

   b. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school that is located within the area served by this Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-1**.** et seq.

C. Minimum Standards **f**~~F~~or Home or Out-of-School Instruction

1. The district shall establish a written plan for the delivery of instruction to continue the student's academic progress and to maintain a record of delivery of instructional services and student progress.

2. The teacher providing instruction shall be a certified teacher.

3. The teacher shall provide instruction for the number of days and length of time sufficient to continue the student's academic progress and dependent upon the student's ability to participate.

4. For a student with disabilities, the home instruction shall be consistent with the student's **i**~~I~~ndividualized **e**~~E~~ducation **p**~~P~~lan (IEP) to the extent appropriate~~,~~ and shall meet the New Jersey Student Learning Standards **(NJSLS)**. When the provision of home instruction will exceed thirty consecutive school days in a



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school year, the IEP team shall convene a meeting to review and, if appropriate, revise the student's IEP. **In addition, the case manager will provide a summary of the implementation of the student's IEP to the appropriate supervising staff member(s).**

5. For a student without ~~a~~ disability, the home instruction shall meet the **NJSLS** ~~New Jersey Student Learning Standards~~ and the requirements of the Board of Education for promotion to the next grade level. When the provision of home instruction will exceed sixty calendar days, the school physician shall refer the student to the Child Study Team for evaluation**,** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14.

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