

ATTACHMENT C

Home/Hospital Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Are students who attend private schools while enrolled part-time or full-time in a public school eligible for H/H Instruction?**

Yes, as an ancillary service. The student must be enrolled in the public school district to be eligible for service.

- 2. Is H/H limited to 18 weeks total H/H instruction per student or total for the school year?**

It is a limit of 18 weeks per school year. Exceptions may be granted based upon individual circumstances. Contact Health Services at OSPI for further assistance if an exception is requested. Some factors that are considered in determining extensions are:

- What is the health condition, will it be resolved soon or is it ongoing?
- Is it for the entire school year?
- Are there less than 4 weeks left in the school year?
- Will the student graduate that year?
- Is the student expected to be well enough to attend school the following year?
- Does the district need time to re-evaluate for special education?

- 3. Can a student be on a 504 plan and obtain H/H instruction at the same time?**

Yes, H/H instruction may be used on a temporary basis for a student with a 504 plan.

- 4. What school staff may be used as tutors?**

The district determines who the tutors are and how many hours per week they tutor. The tutor must be employed by the school district, which would disallow volunteers and students as tutors.

- 5. What if the physician writes H/H instruction for longer than 18 weeks?**

The program is limited to 18 weeks per school year, with some extensions requiring consultation with OSPI.

6. If a district suspects a student will be out all year is it appropriate to use H/H instruction?

Yes, it may be appropriate to use H/H instruction while the district evaluates the student. However, districts should not delay in initiating a referral for special education or 504 services if they suspect the student has a disability.

7. How does the tutoring program at Children's Hospital apply to H/H instruction?

Children's Hospital is provided funding for H/H instructions through a separate contract to offer tutoring while a student is hospitalized. Brian Ross is the contact person at Children's (Phone #: 206-987-6434). Once the student returns to the community the student's family may apply for H/H instruction.

8. Can a Certified Nurse Midwife sign a request for H/H Instruction?

Yes, Certified Nurse Midwives function under similar scope of practice as A.R.N.P's in Washington and are able to sign the request. They do have prescriptive authority and practice as primary health care providers.

9. Can a student stay home with a baby postpartum to care for the infant?

A student is eligible for H/H instruction for her postpartum recovery (at least 4 weeks and with health care provider verification). The program does not provide tutoring to students caring for an infant or a relative who is ill.

10. Can a tutor administer the WASL?

Yes, however the tutor must be trained as a proctor as described in the WASL directions for administration.

11. What if the health care provider writes an order for four weeks of absence and the student returns to school sooner is the district still eligible to receive H/H funding?

The district may still claim reimbursement for the number of weeks the student received H/H services.