

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION **DRAFT October 2019**

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the provision of medical homebound instruction to students in grades one through 12 in the Charleston County School District.

South Carolina State Board of Education Regulation 43-241 states that students who cannot attend public school because of illness, accident, or pregnancy are eligible for medical homebound or hospitalized instruction.

The district will provide at least the minimum number of instruction hours as provided in current rules and regulations of the State Board of Education (SBE). All teachers providing medical homebound instruction to students residing in the district must hold a valid South Carolina teacher's certificate.

- ~~• A physician must certify that the student is unable to attend school but may profit from instruction given in the home (with a parent/legal guardian present), hospital, or another mutually agreed upon location.~~
- ~~• Any student participating in a program of medical homebound instruction must be approved by the superintendent or his or her designee on homebound forms provided by the school district.~~

In order for a student to receive medical homebound instruction, the following conditions must exist:

- The student must be of legal school age.
- A physician, physician's assistant, or properly authorized advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) must certify that the student is unable to attend school but may profit from instruction given in the home or school.
- The homebound instruction must be approved by the superintendent or his/her designee on appropriate forms provided by the South Carolina Department of Education.
- The student must successfully complete the materials assigned and receive a passing grade from the student's classroom teacher or the homebound teacher in case of extended medical homebound instruction. This requirement is necessary in order for the student to advance to the next grade or to satisfy the state requirements for a state high school diploma.
- The principal's designee ~~is expected to~~ **should** call the doctor's office as necessary to discuss terms and conditions of the homebound placement.

A student is eligible for medical homebound instruction according to certain timelines as stated in SBE regulation. Homebound instruction may only be approved for a maximum of 45 instructional days at one time. If the homebound period must be extended, a new medical homebound form signed by the doctor is required. Any time missed during the interim will not be excused unless a medical note is provided.

Any student who is not provided the periods of medical homebound instruction to which that student is entitled is eligible to make up the medical homebound instruction, either during the student's remaining eligibility for medical homebound instruction or after the student returns to school. The superintendent may not permit schools to hold make-up periods during the regular

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school day. If the school delays the start of services for any reason and the student is still entitled to the services, the district must make up the missed instructional periods even if the regular school year has ended.

Medical and student records are confidential subject to the provisions of policy JRA, *Student Records*, and its accompanying administrative rule.

All medical homebound standard operating procedures, reference documents, and required forms will be outlined in the Charleston County Homebound Manual.

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. ~~Section 59-21-540 - Special education services for which state aid allowed.~~ Section 40-33-34(D)(2)(b) - APRNs may complete homebound certification unless otherwise provided in his/her practice agreement.
2. Section 59-33-20(c) - Homebound instruction available to certain ~~handicapped~~ disabled children.
3. ~~Section 59-33-30 - Establishment by state board of education of program of specialized education for handicapped children; rules and regulations.~~

B. State Board of Education Regulations:

1. R43-241 - Medical homebound instruction.