



HOME INSTRUCTION HOME AND HOSPITAL SERVICES

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	Home Instruction	Home and Hospital
COMAR	13A.10.01.01	13A.03.05.01
Scope	to determine if a child participating in a home instruction program is receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age.	provision of instructional services to public school students who are unable to participate in their school of enrollment due to a physical or emotional condition. Concurrent delivery of instructional services and enrollment in a public school shall be provided for a student whose physical or emotional condition requires the student to be absent from school on an intermittent basis
Enrolled in public school	No	Yes
Attendance taken	No	Yes
School system provides instructional materials	No. Parent provides or umbrella provides materials	Yes
Uses web-based materials for instruction	A few umbrellas use internet-based instruction	Most

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Grades provided by school system personnel	No No grades, no transcript, no Maryland diploma (unless they take and pass the GED)	Yes
Length of time	As long as parent is compliant with regulation and chooses to continue	Designed to be a short-term intervention. Usually up to 60 days with renewal possible. Concurrent renews annually Exception for students with IEPs for emotional reasons-30 days

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Hours of instruction	Flexible. Enough to provide regular, thorough instruction in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age	<p>The length of instruction for students in a full-day program is a minimum of 6 hours a week.</p> <p>The length of instruction for students in half-day programs is a minimum of 3 hours a week.</p>
Verification	<p>Unified form submitted 15 days prior to beginning home instruction</p> <p>Annual verification of continuation</p> <p>portfolio review or non-public reviews</p> <p>Change of Status</p>	<p>verification of the physical condition, including drug and alcohol dependency, by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner,</p> <p>verification of emotional condition by a certified school psychologist, licensed psychologist, licensed psychiatrist.</p>

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Receive specialized/related services	Not required	Yes
Can participate in other public school activities	Only in standardized testing if parent elects testing	Yes, if not contra-indicated

Home Instruction details

- Upon application of a child for admission to a public school from a home instruction program, the local superintendent shall determine by an evaluation the placement of the child and any credits to be awarded toward high school graduation. The evaluation may include administration of standardized tests and examinations and interviews with the child.
- It is at the discretion of future employers and institutes of higher education to accept home instruction forms that are produced from families and/or partnering entities that signify program completion. Many do.

Home and Hospital details

Students with IEPs must have the involvement of the school's IEP team.

Specific instructions exist for students with IEPs.