Concurrent Services

Concurrent services are provided for students who have a condition that is episodic in nature and who are able to attend school on an intermittent basis, per physician verification.

Such students are expected to attend school, except in the event of a periodic crisis or in the case of regularly occurring medical procedures that result in an absence of three or more consecutive days or that result in regular patterns of absence.

Conditions eligible for concurrent services include, but are not limited to: kidney failure, cancer, asthma, cystic fibrosis, and sickle cell anemia.

Reverification Process

All medical verifications are valid for 60 days from the date the form is signed by a physician. If a doctor indicates a need for services for a duration less than 60 days, an updated medical verification form must be submitted to extend services For students with emotional conditions, reverification includes the consideration of the following:

- Student's compliance with HHT services and transition plan;
- Student's compliance with medical treatment plan;
- Submission of new medical verification form prior to the end of services date.

VISION

Students unable to attend school due to physical or emotional conditions will receive home or hospital instruction enabling them to graduate college and career ready.

MISSION

The Office of Home and Hospital Teaching will collaborate with stakeholders to provide quality, interim instruction that complies with local and state requirements.

All forms are available at the student's school of enrollment and online at: www.pgcps.org/homeandhospitalteaching



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What is Home and Hospital Teaching?

Home and Hospital Teaching is the provision of **temporary** instructional support (not to exceed 60 calendar days) to school-aged students, enrolled in Prince George's County Public Schools, who are unable to attend school due to a physical or emotional condition.

Services are provided in the home, hospital, or therapeutic setting. The student's school of enrollment provides books and assignments for the home teacher to use to support educational continuity.

Delivery of services can be online, face-toface, or a combination of both depending on the needs of the student, ability level, and selected coursework.

A student receiving full-time home and hospital services will receive a minimum of 6 hours of instruction. A modification of the student's schedule may be necessary depending upon the severity of the student's health needs.

Home and Hospital Teaching does not replicate daily classroom instruction.



Who is Eligible for Services?

A student may be eligible for services if the anticipated absence is at least 20 *consecutive* school days and the student's inability to attend school is verified by a medical practitioner.

- Physical conditions must be verified by a licensed physician or a certified nurse practitioner.
- Emotional conditions must be verified by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist.

Educational placement in the home, for a student with an emotional condition, may not exceed 60 days.

A student's home may not be used as an instructional setting for a student with a disability who is awaiting placement in a non-public special school or a change in placement.

School-based accommodations must first be explored and exhausted prior to consideration for Home and Hospital Teaching support.

Students are expected to attend school to the fullest extent possible.



What is the Process for Applying for Services?

To initiate the application process, a parent or a legal guardian must:

- Contact the Principal/Designee at the student's school of enrollment to complete the *Initial Contact and Referral* form (DSS-21). Signature of parent or legal guardian allows PGCPS staff to speak with treating medical practitioner.
- Submit a current *Physician's*Verification form (DSS-22) or a

 Psychologist's or Psychiatrist's

 Verification of Emotional Conditions
 form (DSS-22A), signed and completed
 by qualifying medical practitioner.

Submission of an application is not a guarantee of services.

All applications are subject to a review process. Referrals take up to 10 days to process. A written decision will be provided to parent and school.

Schools are responsible for providing school work to the student while Home and Hospital Teaching eligibility is being determined.