

Homebound/Hospitalized vs. Virtual Program Records: Which Records Should I Report?

Objective: The purpose of this document is to help you to determine when a student being educated outside of the physical classroom should be reported with a Homebound/Hospitalized program record and/or a Virtual program record and Virtual Attendance

Note: A physician statement is required if a homebound/hospitalized program record claiming funding is reported. The homebound/hospitalized program **can be** reported regardless of whether the student participates in general education or special education.

DO NOT Report a Student for Homebound/Hospitalized Programs if:

- Students who have an extended illness during the school year and whose parents have not complied by providing the school with a written statement from a physician or Christian Science practitioner.
 - This student **would not** be reported with a homebound/hospitalized program record. Since the student is attending virtually, the attendance should be reported as Virtual.
- A student with an IEP is receiving homebound instruction solely because homebound instruction is required in the student's IEP.
- Students participate in virtual instruction in lieu of expulsion, for behavioral reasons, or at times when instruction in a physical classroom is a safety concern. These **are not** instances for which a homebound program record should be provided. A student being educated virtually under these circumstances should only have a virtual program record (when 50% or more of their attendance will be virtual) and virtual attendance codes reported daily.

Homebound/Hospitalized with or without IEP - In Person Attendance

- A student **with or without an IEP** and found eligible for the homebound/hospitalized program and receiving in-person instruction from a teacher either in the student's home, hospital, or other in-person setting.
- The student should be reported as "in attendance" and **would not** have a virtual program record.
- ***If a student with an IEP is receiving homebound instruction solely because homebound instruction is required in the student's IEP - there should be no homebound program record.***

Homebound/Hospitalized with or without IEP - Virtual Attendance

- A student **with or without an IEP** and found eligible for the homebound/hospitalized program and receiving instruction in which the student and teacher are separated by time, space, or both would he/she be virtually attending class
- This would be an instance where both a homebound program record and a virtual program record should be provided and "virtual" attendance should be reported. **Exception: *if a student with an IEP is receiving homebound instruction solely because homebound instruction is required in the student's IEP - there should be no homebound program record.***