

At a glance:



# Hospital Homebound in Rhode Island



## Is my child eligible?

Children with chronic illnesses can receive hospital- or home-based instruction through the Hospital Homebound (HHB) program.

To receive HHB educational accommodations, your child must:

- » Be absent from school for a medically diagnosed illness or disability for at least thirty continuous days.
- » Have doctor certification that medical, mental, or emotional conditions prevent school attendance.



## How much instruction will my child receive?

Generally, your child will receive at least **five hours** of direct instruction per week.



## How long can my child receive HHB services?

Schools provide HHB services as long as medically necessary.



## What is the HHB application process?

First, submit the request for HHB services to your child's home school with doctor certification.

Then, work with your child and their school to develop and implement an instructional plan.



## Resources

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