

## Hospitalized Students: Brattleboro Retreat Change

**School districts are responsible to determine what educational services are to be offered and to pay for educational services offered to hospitalized students.**

We have found there is a need for more communication to and direction from the school district about when and what services to provide within our state board rules 1252 and 2364.2. This change is effective July 1, 2009.

In general, hospitalized students at the Brattleboro Retreat remain the educational and financial responsibility of the district they were living in prior to hospitalization. For residentially placed students who are hospitalized, the LEA of record is required to determine what educational services are to be offered and when in accordance with state board rules and, for special education students, in accordance with the student’s IEP. Previously we erroneously considered these student’s “state placed”.

The rules governing general education students require tutorial services after 10 consecutive days missed of school due to medical disability. You should begin counting from the last day of school attended prior to hospitalization. So, if your general education student was out for a week before hospitalization, they would be entitled to tutorial after missing 5 school days in the hospital. It is an LEA responsibility to offer services once this requirement has been met and to either coordinate services with the Brattleboro Retreat Meadows School to provide the necessary services, or to send a tutor.

The chart below will help explain LEA responsibility and potential forms of reimbursement or claiming. If you have any questions, please call Mike Mulcahy at 828-5108 or [mike.mulcahy@state.vt.us](mailto:mike.mulcahy@state.vt.us)

<b>Placement Prior to Psychiatric or other Hospitalization</b>	<b>LEA oversight</b>	<b>Counting Students Claiming Special Education Reimbursement</b>	<b>Person Responsible to respond to hospital notification of student placement</b>
<b>Resident Student-</b>	Town of residence	ADM  Formula-for special education services	General Education students-Principal  Special Education students- special education case manager/ or person assigned for the summer
<b>State Placed Student-</b>	School attending prior to hospitalization	State Placed ADM -  Worksheet A- special education services	General Education students-Principal  Special Education students- special education case manager/ or person assigned for the summer
<b>State Placed in a Residential Program</b>	Town of residence  <b>1 Exception below:</b> school attended prior to hospitalization was <b>Valley Vista</b> –LEA is school attended prior to Valley Vista placement	ADM & Formula for special education services delivered to resident student per IEP  SPS ADM & Worksheet A for IEP services if student was state placed prior to Valley Vista Placement	General Education students-Principal  Special Ed students- special education case manager/ or person assigned for the summer

