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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors and Authorizers

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Updated Homebound and Hospitalized Services Guidance

The *State School Aid Act* requires school districts to provide homebound and hospitalized services to pupils who are unable to attend school for a period longer than five school days because of a medical condition. Section 388.1709 of the Act requires the Department to distribute to districts information on homebound and hospitalized services.

The Department has updated the "Homebound and Hospitalized Services for Public School Students" guidance to bring districts into compliance with federal law and regulations by clarifying requirements under Title IX, 20 USC § 1681(a). Districts have been required, since the passage of Title IX, to provide the same level of educational service to boys and girls, without discrimination based on gender. In part this means pregnancy and associated conditions cannot be used to exclude female students from participation in services that are offered to male students. Homebound and hospitalized services are offered to male students who will miss school for medical reasons, without limitation other than the number of days of school missed. The same must be true for female students, for any medical condition, including pregnancy, without limitation other than the number of days of school missed. The updated guidance is available at [www.michigan.gov/studentissues](http://www.michigan.gov/studentissues), then click Homebound and Hospitalized Services.

In addition, Section 5-D Homebound/Hospitalized of the Pupil Accounting Manual has been updated and is available at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/5D-HomeboundHosp\\_291417\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/5D-HomeboundHosp_291417_7.pdf)

If you have questions regarding homebound and hospitalized services, please contact the Office of State Aid and School Finance at 517-373-3350.

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