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From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

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RE: New Hampshire Hospital and Anna Philbrook Center

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services would like to offer guidance regarding the reorganization of the Anna Philbrook Center at New Hampshire Hospital (NHH). As of July 1, 2010 the building housing the Anna Philbrook Center will be closed. The program will still be known as the Anna Philbrook Center but will be located at the Acute Psychiatric Services (APS) building at NHH.

As part of the reorganization, the education component will be transformed into a tutorial program. Once a student is hospitalized at NHH and parental permission is given, the NHH will contact the student's school district. NHH will work with the student's district to continue the education of the student who is hospitalized by providing the following:

- 1) School district access to the student with disabilities for purposes of the special education process to ensure a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) is provided as defined by 34 CFR 300.18. Access is subject to limitations necessitated by legitimate security and safety concerns.
- 2) Time and space within the facility for the school district to provide instruction and other special education related services in accordance with the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Instruction will be provided in a tutorial setting. NHH will have a list of potential tutors available for school districts to contract with; however, a school district is not obligated to contract with anyone on the list developed by NHH.

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