



# Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF EDUCATION SERVICES**

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### **PURPOSE:**

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (RLANRC) shall provide support for educational services for school-age inpatients when as needed.

### **POLICY:**

To provide guidelines to RLANRC inpatient rehabilitation team for educational support for minor patients.

### **GUIDELINES:**

1. Clinical Social Work staff coordinates the academic education program in individual school districts and integrates input from the family and rehab team. Clinical Social Work staff has primary responsibility for needs assessment and process coordination which may include an Individualized Education plan, new school enrollments and collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services when applicable.
2. Clinical Social Work staff will provide support and partner with the family to coordinate educational needs and resources when appropriate.
3. School reintegration:
  - a. As part of the routine initial evaluation, Social Work staff will assess all inpatients between the ages of 5-24 for specific academic educational needs.
  - b. All inpatients expected to be hospitalized more than 10 school days will be assessed.
  - c. Children younger than 5 years of age will be placed in a therapeutic developmental therapy program during hospitalization.
  - d. Patients older than 18 years of age will be assessed for educational needs and readiness for school.
4. Discharge Planning:
  - a. Clinical Social Work staff along with relevant Therapy disciplines will coordinate communication and referrals with the home school district or other entities to ensure continuity of academic education following discharge from RLANRC. This may include coordinating a visit to the patient's

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home school especially if the child will be using an assistive device or wheelchair upon return to the school environment. This community visit will also help prepare the child for their transition back to the school after injury/hospitalization.

- b. Clinical Social Work staff will inform the school district of the anticipated discharge date to ensure that the student will be provided appropriate accommodations (i.e., wheelchair accessibility, Individualized Education Program).
- c. School visits are done by therapists when needed.

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:**

- 1. Toddlers and pre-school patients (age 0-3) with significant developmental delay will be referred to Regional Center and home school district upon discharge.

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