

RCW 70.410.010 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) "Department" means the department of health.
 - (2) "Emergency declaration" means a proclamation of a state of emergency issued by the governor under RCW 43.06.010.
 - (3) "Entity" means a person other than an individual.
 - (4) "Health practitioner" means an individual licensed under the laws of this state to provide health or veterinary services.
 - (5) "Health practitioner member" means a member who is a health practitioner.
 - (6) "Health services" means the provision of treatment, care, advice, guidance, or other services or supplies related to the health or death of individuals or human populations.
 - (7) "License" means authorization by a state to engage in services that are unlawful without the authorization.
 - (8) "Member" means a person who has registered with the state emergency medical reserve corps.
 - (9) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or commercial entity.
 - (10) "Scope of practice" means the extent of the authorization to provide health or veterinary services granted to a health practitioner by a license issued to the practitioner in this state, including any conditions imposed by the licensing authority.
 - (11) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health.
 - (12) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
 - (13) "State emergency medical reserve corps" means the group of members registered with the department and established by this chapter from which the secretary may deploy through an order.
 - (14) "Support member" means a member who does not hold a health practitioner license or who holds a health practitioner license but does not practice that profession during their service in the state emergency medical reserve corps.
 - (15) "Support services" means services provided by a member in support of the state emergency medical reserve corps, but does not include health services.
 - (16) "Veterinary services" means the provision of treatment, care, advice, guidance, or other services or supplies related to the health or death of an animal or to animal populations, to the extent necessary to respond to an emergency, including:
 - (a) Diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of an animal disease, injury, or other physical or mental condition by the prescription, administration, or dispensing of vaccine, medicine, surgery, or therapy;
 - (b) Use of a procedure for reproductive management; and
 - (c) Monitoring and treatment of animal populations for diseases that have spread or demonstrate the potential to spread to humans.
- [2023 c 210 s 2.]

Findings—2023 c 210: "To protect the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the

state, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary to authorize the creation of a state emergency medical reserve corps to serve at the direction and control of the secretary in times of declared emergency and in times where no declared emergency exists but the protection of public health requires the state mobilization of resources to protect the health of the public, and to provide a means of compensating state emergency medical reserve corps members who may suffer any injury, as defined in this chapter, or death; who suffer economic harm including personal property damage or loss; or who incur expenses for transportation, telephone or other methods of communication, and the use of personal supplies as a result of participation in state emergency medical reserve corps activities." [2023 c 210 s 1.]

Short title—2023 c 210: "This act may be know and cited as the state emergency medical reserve corps act." [2023 c 210 s 13.]

Effective date—2023 c 210: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [May 1, 2023]." [2023 c 210 s 14.]