

**WAC 246-827-0010 Definitions.** The following definitions apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) **"Direct visual supervision"** means the supervising health care practitioner is physically present and within visual range of the medical assistant.

(2) **"Forensic blood draw"** means a blood sample drawn at the direction of a law enforcement officer for the purpose of determining its alcoholic or drug content by a person holding one of the credentials listed in RCW 46.61.506, including a medical assistant-certified, medical assistant-phlebotomist, or forensic phlebotomist.

(3) **"Health care practitioner"** means a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW; an osteopathic physician and surgeon licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW; or acting within the scope of their respective licensure, a podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW, a naturopath licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, or an optometrist licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW.

(4) **"Hemodialysis"** is a procedure for removing metabolic waste products or toxic substances from the human body by dialysis.

(5) **"Immediate supervision"** means the supervising health care practitioner is on the premises and available for immediate response as needed.

(6) **"Legend drug"** means any drug which is required by any applicable federal or state law or regulation to be dispensed on prescription only or is restricted to use by practitioners only.

(7) **"Medical assistant"** without further qualification means a person credentialed under chapter 18.360 RCW as a:

- (a) Medical assistant-certified;
- (b) Medical assistant-registered;
- (c) Medical assistant-hemodialysis technician; and
- (d) Medical assistant-phlebotomist.

(8) **"Medical assistant-hemodialysis technician"** means a patient care dialysis technician trained in compliance with federal requirements for end stage renal dialysis facilities.

(9) **"Secretary"** means the secretary of the department of health or the secretary's designee.

(10) **"Telemedicine supervision"** means the delivery of direct patient care under supervision by a health care practitioner provided through the use of interactive audio and video technology, permitting real-time communication between a medical assistant at the originating site and a health care practitioner off premises. "Telemedicine" does not include the use of audio-only telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

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