

**RCW 18.52C.020 Definitions.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Adult family home" means a residential home licensed pursuant to chapter 70.128 RCW.

(2) "Assisted living facility" means an assisted living facility licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW.

(3) "Enhanced services facility" means an enhanced services facility licensed under chapter 70.97 RCW.

(4) "Health care facility" means a nursing home, hospital, hospice care facility, home health care agency, hospice agency, assisted living facility, group home, or other entity for the delivery of health care or long-term care services, including chore services provided under chapter 74.39A RCW.

(5) "Health care personnel" means a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse as defined in chapter 18.79 RCW, a surgical technologist registered under chapter 18.215 RCW, a diagnostic radiologic technologist or cardiovascular invasive specialist certified under chapter 18.84 RCW, a respiratory care practitioner licensed under chapter 18.89 RCW, or a nursing assistant-certified as defined in RCW 18.88A.020 who is a temporary employee or a referred independent contractor of a nursing pool.

(6) "Hospital" means a facility licensed under chapter 70.41 or 71.12 RCW.

(7) "Long-term care personnel" means any person who qualifies as a long-term care worker as defined in RCW 49.95.010.

(8) "Nursing home" means any nursing home facility licensed pursuant to chapter 18.52 RCW.

(9) "Nursing pool" means any person engaged in the business of providing, procuring, or referring health care or long-term care personnel for temporary employment in health care facilities, such as licensed nurses or practical nurses, nursing assistants, and chore service providers. "Nursing pool" does not include an individual who only engages in providing his or her own services. "Nursing pool" does not include a hospital, clinic, nursing home, assisted living facility, enhanced services facility, or an adult family home that provides temporary staffing to its own organization.

(9) [(10)] "Person" includes an individual, firm, corporation, partnership, or association.

(10) [(11)] "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health. [2023 c 100 s 1. Prior: 2012 c 10 s 36; 2001 c 319 s 3; 1997 c 392 s 527; 1991 c 3 s 130; 1988 c 243 s 2.]

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