

WAC 246-335-410 Definitions—Home care. The definitions in this section apply throughout WAC 246-335-405 through 246-335-455 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Certified home care aide" or "home care aide" means an individual credentialed under chapters 18.88B RCW and 246-980 WAC.

(2) "Client" means an individual receiving home care services.

(3) "Comprehensive assessment reporting evaluation" or "CARE" means the DSHS assessment tool used by case managers to document a client's functional ability, determine eligibility for long-term care services, evaluate what and how much assistance a client will receive, and develop a plan of care.

(4) "Home care agency" means a person administering or providing home care services directly or through a contract arrangement to individuals in places of permanent or temporary residence. A home care agency that provides delegated tasks of nursing under RCW 18.79.260 (3)(e) is not considered a home health agency for purposes of this chapter.

(5) "Home care services" means nonmedical services and assistance provided to ill, disabled, or vulnerable individuals that enable them to remain in their residences. Home care services include, but are not limited to: Personal care such as assistance with dressing, feeding, and personal hygiene to facilitate self-care; homemaker assistance with household tasks, such as housekeeping, shopping, meal planning and preparation, and transportation; respite care assistance and support provided to the family; or other nonmedical services or delegated tasks of nursing under RCW 18.79.260 (3)(e).

(6) "Long-term care worker" means an individual providing hands-on personal care services to the elderly or persons with disabilities according to RCW 74.39A.009. A long-term care worker employed by a home care agency is either credentialed as a certified home care aide under chapters 18.88A RCW and 246-980 WAC or meets the exemption criteria according to chapter 246-980 WAC.

(7) "Supervisor of direct care services" means an individual responsible for services that support the plan of care provided by an in-home services agency licensed to provide home care services.

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