

Sec. 19a-87b-2. Definitions

For the purpose of sections 19a-87b-2 to 19a-87b-18, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) “Administration of medication” means the direct application of a medication by inhalation, ingestion or any other means to the body of a person;

(2) “Adult” means a person eighteen years of age or older;

(3) “Advanced practice registered nurse” means an individual licensed pursuant to section 20-94a of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(4) “Applicant” means a person, twenty years of age or older, who has completed, signed and submitted an application to the Office to obtain or renew a family child care home license;

(5) “Application” means the forms prescribed by the commissioner which are to be used for initial licensure, license renewal, staff approval, and staff renewal of approval. Forms may be changed by the Office from time to time;

(6) “Assistant” means a person, eighteen years of age or older approved in writing by the commissioner, who assists the provider or substitute in caring for children at the licensed family child care home, while the provider or substitute is present at the family child care home;

(7) “Authorized prescriber” means a physician, a dentist, an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant;

(8) “Child” means any person under (A) nineteen years of age, or (B) twenty-one years of age that has special needs that require the person to receive supplemental care, has an individualized education plan, and is attending school to earn a high school diploma;

(9) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Early Childhood or the commissioner’s designee(s) or representative(s);

(10) “Customary business hours” means the hours reported to the Office which the family child care home is normally in operation, including scheduled and unscheduled days off, regardless of whether children are in care;

(11) “Emergency caregiver” means a person twenty years of age or older, who can assume the provider’s duties in an unforeseen emergency situation;

(12) “Enrollment” means the period of time when a child is registered to receive family child care services at the family child care home;

(13) “Facility” means the entire premises, identified on the license application, indoors and outdoors, including space not directly used for child care;

(14) “Family child care home” has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-77(a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(15) “Family child care services” means care provided by a family child care home provider, substitute, or assistant;

(16) “Foster child” has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-79 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(17) “Household member” has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-87b of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(18) “Inspection” means an announced or unannounced visit to a family child care home of an applicant or provider by Office staff during business hours;

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(19) “Investigational drug” means any medication with an approved investigation new drug application on file with the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), that is being scientifically tested and clinically evaluated to determine its efficacy, safety, and side effects and that has not yet received FDA approval;

(20) “License” means the form of permission issued by the Office that authorizes the operation of a family child care home;

(21) “License capacity” means the maximum number of children that the provider is authorized to care for under the license;

(22) “Medication” means any legend drug or nonlegend drug, as those terms are defined in section 20-571 of the Connecticut General Statutes, including any controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(23) “Medication error” means the failure to administer (A) medication to a child, (B) medication within one hour of the time designated by the authorized prescriber, (C) the specific medication prescribed for a child, (D) medication by the correct route, (E) medication according to generally accepted medical practices, or (F) the correct dosage of medication;

(24) “Night care” means family child care services provided for one or more hours between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;

(25) “Office” means the Office of Early Childhood;

(26) “Parent” means the person who retains custody of the child; i.e. the mother, father, supervising relative, legal guardian or foster parent;

(27) “Pharmacist” means an individual licensed to practice pharmacy under the provisions of section 20-590, 20-591, 20-592 or 20-593 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(28) “Physician” means an individual licensed to practice medicine in this or another state;

(29) “Physician assistant” means an individual licensed pursuant to section 20-12b of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(30) “Primary health care provider” means the individual who is responsible for the health care of the child outside the family child care home;

(31) “Provider” means the person twenty years of age or older, licensed by the Office to provide family child care services, and who may substitute for another licensed provider;

(32) “Registered nurse” means a person with a license to practice as a registered nurse in Connecticut in accordance with chapter 378 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(33) “Residence” means a home occupied by the provider or approved for occupancy as a home as evidenced by a valid certificate of occupancy;

(34) “School age” means (A) at least five years of age on or before the first day of January of the current school year, but less than thirteen years of age, or (B) less than twenty-one years of age with special needs that necessitate supplementary care and an individualized education program, and attending school to earn a high school diploma;

(35) “Self-administer medication” means that the child (A) is able to identify and select the appropriate medication by size, color, amount, or other label identification, (B) knows the frequency and time of day for which the medication is ordered, and (C) is able to administer the medication appropriately;

(36) “Significant medication error” means a medication error that is potentially serious

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or has serious consequences for a child, including, but not limited to, the administration of medication (A) by the wrong route, (B) to a child with a known allergy to the medication, (C) in a lethal or toxic dosage, or (D) that causes serious medical problems;

(37) “Staff” means an assistant or substitute approved by the Office; and

(38) “Substitute” means a person twenty years of age or older approved in writing by the commissioner who may assume the provider’s responsibilities in the provider’s absence, and who meets the same qualifications as a provider.

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