

**Sec. 19-13-D80. Definitions**

As used in Sections 19-13-D80 to 19-13-D92 inclusive:

(a) “Agency” means a homemaker-home health aide agency as defined in Section 19a-490 (e) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(b) “Central office” means the agency office responsible and accountable for all agency operations in this state;

(c) “Clinical experience” means employment in providing patient services in a health care setting;

(d) “Commissioner” means the commissioner of health services, or his/her representative;

(e) “Consumer” means a potential or actual recipient of homemaker-home health aide services;

(f) “Contracted services” or “services under arrangement” means services provided by the agency which are subject to a written agreement with an individual, another agency or facility;

(g) “Contractor” means any organization, individual, home health care or homemaker-home health aide agency that provides services to patients of a primary agency as defined in paragraph (s) of Section 19-13-D80 of these regulations;

(h) “Curriculum” means the plan of classroom and clinical instructions for training and skills assessment as a homemaker-home health aide;

(i) “Department” means the Connecticut Department of Health Services;

(j) “Evening or nighttime service” means service provided between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.;

(k) “Full-time” means employed and on duty a minimum of thirty-five (35) hours per workweek;

(l) “Full-time equivalent” means the hours of work by more than one person in a one workweek period which equals a cumulative total which shall not be less than thirty-five (35) hours;

(m) “Holiday service” means service provided on the days specified in the agency’s official personnel policies as holidays;

(n) “Homemaker-home health aide” means an unlicensed person who has successfully completed a training and competency evaluation program for the preparation of homemaker-home health aides approved by the department.

(o) “Parent agency” means the agency that develops and maintains administrative control of subdivisions and patient service offices;

(p) “Patient care services” means agency activities carried out by agency staff for or on behalf of a patient. Such services include, but are not limited to, receipt of referral for service, admission to service, assignment of personnel, homemaker-home health aide service, communication/coordination with patient and others involved in the patient’s care and development/maintenance of patient’s record.

(g) “Patient service office” means one or more separate and distinct offices which provide patient care services and are included under the agency’s license. This office shall comply with the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Section 19-13-D90;

(r) “Permanent part-time” means employed and on duty a minimum of twenty (20) hours

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per workweek on a regular basis;

(s) "Primary homemaker-home health aide agency" means the agency that is responsible for the homemaker-home health aide service furnished to patients and for the implementation of the plan of care;

(t) "Professional supervision" means direction and supervision by a registered nurse supervisor, and, as appropriate, a physical therapist supervisor, occupational therapist supervisor, speech therapist supervisor, or social work supervisor;

(u) "Provider agency" means the agency or subdivision that has primary authority and responsibility for provision of services to the patient and family;

(v) "Public health nurse" means a graduate of a baccalaureate degree program in nursing approved by the National League for Nursing for preparation in public health nursing;

(w) "Representative" means a designated member of the patient's family, or person legally designated to act for the patient in the exercise of the patient's rights as contained in Sections 19-13-D80 to 19-13-D92 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(x) "Social worker" means a graduate of a master's degree program in social work accredited by the council on social work education;

(y) "Subdivision" means a unit of a multifunction health care organization which is assigned the primary authority and responsibility for the agency operations. A subdivision shall independently meet the regulations and standards for licensure and shall be independently licensed as a homemaker-home health aide agency;

(z) "Supportive services" means services which include, but are not limited to assistance with personal hygiene, dressing, feeding and incidental household tasks essential to achieving adequate household and family management, and are provided under the supervision of a registered nurse;

(aa) "Weekend service" means services provided on Saturday or Sunday.

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