

Sec. 19a-127n-1. Definitions

As used in section 19a-127n-1 to section 19a-127n-2, inclusive of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies:

(1) “Adverse event” means “adverse event” as defined in section 19a-127n of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(2) “Commissioner” means the commissioner of the Department of Public Health;

(3) “Corrective action plan” means “corrective action plan” as defined in section 19a-127n of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(4) “Department” means the Department of Public Health;

(5) “Disability” means a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual;

(6) “Emergent report” means the report of an unexpected situation or sudden occurrence of a serious and urgent nature which requires immediate remedial action on the part of the facility to protect the health and safety of its patient population, or an event which is unusually serious in nature and has resulted in a patient’s death or injury. Emergent reports shall include but are not limited to: abduction of a patient of any age, sexual assault on a patient, patient death associated with the use of restraints and all fires;

(7) “Facility” means any hospital or outpatient surgical facility licensed pursuant to section 19a-490 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(8) “Immediate plan of action” means immediate actions taken by the facility to reduce the risk of a similar event occurring until the long-term preventive strategies can be determined and implemented;

(9) “Off campus satellite sites” means health care and service delivery sites that would require a separate institutional license in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes section 19a-490 but for the fact that these entities are incorporated within the hospital’s single license; and

(10) “Serious” means an event that results in death or loss of a body part, disability or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at the time of discharge from an inpatient facility.

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