

**WAC 246-812-470 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this section and WAC 246-812-480 unless the context requires otherwise.

(1) "Denturist" means an individual applying for a credential or credentialed specifically as defined in chapter 18.30 RCW.

(2) "Health care information" means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium that identifies or can readily be associated with the identity of, and relates to, the health care of a patient.

(3) "Key party" means immediate family members and others who would be reasonably expected to play a significant role in the health care decisions of the patient and includes, but is not limited to, the spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent, child, guardian, and person authorized to make health care decisions of the patient.

(4) "Legitimate health care purpose" means activities for examination, diagnosis, treatment, and personal care of patients, including palliative care, as consistent with community standards of practice for the denturist profession. The activity must be within the scope of practice of the denturist.

(5) "Patient" means an individual who receives health care services from a denturist. The determination of when a person is a patient is made on a case-by-case basis with consideration given to a number of factors, including the nature, extent, and context of the professional relationship between the denturist and the person. The person that is not receiving treatment or professional services is not the sole determining factor.

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