

WAC 246-934-020 Definitions. (1) "Animal" means every creature, either alive or dead, other than a human being.

(2) "Board" means the veterinary board of governors.

(3) "Health care information" means any health care information, in any form that is associated with the key party, the patient or the health care of a patient.

(4) "Health care provider" means an individual applying for a credential or credentialed as a veterinary medication clerk, veterinary technician or veterinarian.

(5) "Key party" means persons who would be reasonably expected to play a significant role in the health care decisions for the patient and includes the owner, human companion, guardian, manager or trainer.

(6) "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 profession. The activity must be within the scope of practice of the health care provider.

(7) "Patient" means an animal under the care and treatment of a health care provider.

(8) "Veterinary medication clerk" means a person who is registered under chapter 18.92 RCW to practice as a veterinary medication clerk.

(9) "Veterinary technician" means a person who is registered under chapter 18.92 RCW to practice as a veterinary technician.

(10) "Veterinarian" means a person who is licensed under chapter 18.92 RCW to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in the state of Washington.

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