

WAC 246-835-010 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Birth doula" or "doula" mean a state-certified birth doula under this chapter.

(2) "Culturally congruent care" means respecting and upholding a client's cultural practices around birth, regardless of one's own cultural identity. Culturally congruent care includes a birth doula's responsibility to use community resources and networks to help families access other doulas from the same background, religion, culture, and community as the client.

(3) "Department" means the department of health.

(4) "Postpartum" means the 12-month period beginning on the last day of pregnancy.

(5) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health.

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