

**WAC 246-50-010 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Alternative program" means a coordinated quality improvement program determined by the department to be substantially equivalent to RCW 70.41.200(1).

(2) "Department" means the Washington state department of health.

(3) "Governing body" means:

(a) The person, persons, or board responsible for the health care entity; or

(b) In the case of a provider group where no person, persons, or board is in charge of all providers, the person, persons, or group identified by the provider group is responsible for the coordinated quality improvement program.

(4) "Health care provider" or "provider" means a health care professional licensed under the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040.

(5) "Health care provider group" or "provider group" means an organized body or consortium of five or more providers in total.

(6) "Negative health care outcome" means a patient death or impairment of bodily function other than those related to the natural course of illness, disease, or proper treatment in accordance with generally accepted health care standards.

(7) "Professional society or organization" means a group of health care professionals including, but not limited to, state or local health care professional associations.

(8) "Program" means coordinated quality improvement program under RCW 43.70.510.

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