

**WAC 246-825-010 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "**ABGC**" means the American Board of Genetic Counseling, a national organization for certification and recertification of genetic counselors.

(2) "**ABMG**" means the American Board of Medical Genetics, a national organization for certification and recertification of genetic counselors and geneticists with medical or other doctoral degrees.

(3) "**Collaborating physician**" means a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, or an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, who is board certified in clinical genetics specialty or board certified in a specialty relevant to the practice of the genetic counselor(s) and provides medical direction and support as documented in a written collaborative agreement. No employment relationship is required or implied for this interaction.

(4) "**Continuing education**" means postlicensure professional genetic counselor education accredited or approved by NSGC, ABGC or any other entity approved by the secretary, and designed to maintain and improve competence and promote professional development in the practice of genetic counseling.

(5) "**Department**" means the department of health.

(6) "**Genetic counselor**" means an individual licensed under chapter 18.290 RCW to engage in the practice of genetic counseling.

(7) "**Licensed health care provider**" means a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, osteopathic physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW, or naturopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW.

(8) "**NSGC**" means the National Society of Genetic Counselors, a professional membership society which promotes the genetic counseling profession as an integral part of health care delivery, and offers educational programs.

(9) "**Secretary**" means the secretary of the department of health.

(10) "**Supervisor**" means:

(a) A genetic counselor licensed under this chapter;

(b) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW with a current ABMG certification in clinical genetics specialty; or

(c) An osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, with a current ABMG certification in clinical genetics specialty.

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