

**WAC 182-551-1010 Hospice program—Definitions.** The following definitions and abbreviations and those found in WAC 182-500-0005, Medical definitions, apply to this subchapter.

**"Authorized representative"** - An individual who has been authorized to terminate medical care or to elect or revoke the election of hospice care on behalf of a terminally ill individual who is mentally or physically incapacitated. See RCW 7.70.065.

**"Biologicals"** - Medicinal preparations including serum, vaccine autotoxins, and biotechnological drugs made from living organisms and their products.

**"Brief period"** - Six days or less within a thirty consecutive-day period.

**"Community services office (CSO)"** - An office of the department of social and health services (DSHS) that administers social and health services at the community level.

**"Concurrent care"** - Medically necessary services delivered at the same time as hospice services, providing a blend of curative and palliative services to clients twenty years of age and younger who are enrolled in hospice. See WAC 182-551-1860.

**"Curative care"** - Treatment aimed at achieving a disease-free state.

**"Discharge"** - A hospice agency ends hospice care for a client.

**"Election period"** - The time, ninety or sixty days, that the client is certified as eligible for and chooses to receive hospice care.

**"Family"** - An individual or individuals who are important to, and designated in writing by, the client and need not be relatives, or who are legally authorized to represent the client.

**"Home and community services (HCS) office"** - A department of social and health services (DSHS) aging and disability services administration (ADSA) office that manages the state's comprehensive long-term care system which provides in-home, residential, and nursing home services to clients with functional disabilities.

**"Hospice agency"** - A person or entity administering or providing hospice services directly or through a contract arrangement to individuals in places of temporary or permanent residence under the direction of an interdisciplinary team composed of at least a nurse, social worker, physician, spiritual counselor, and volunteer. (Note: For the purposes of this subchapter, requirements for hospice agencies also apply to hospice care centers.)

**"Hospice aide"** - An individual registered or certified as a nursing assistant under chapter 18.88A RCW who, under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech therapist, assists in the delivery of nursing or therapy related activities, or both, to patients of a hospice agency, or hospice care center.

**"Hospice aide services"** - Services provided by hospice aides employed by an in-home services agency licensed to provide hospice or hospice care center services under the supervision of a registered nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech therapist. Such care may include ambulation and exercise, medication assistance level 1 and level 2, reporting changes in client's conditions and needs, completing appropriate records, and personal care or home-maker services, and other nonmedical tasks, as defined in this section.

**"Hospice care center"** - A homelike noninstitutional facility where hospice services are provided, and that meets the requirements for operation under RCW 70.127.280 and applicable rules.

**"Hospice services"** - Symptom and pain management provided to a terminally ill individual, and emotional, spiritual, and bereavement support for the individual and individual's family in a place of temporary or permanent residence.

**"Interdisciplinary team"** - The group of individuals involved in client care providing hospice services or hospice care center services including, at a minimum, a physician, registered nurse, social worker, spiritual counselor, and volunteer.

**"Palliative"** - Medical treatment designed to reduce pain or increase comfort, rather than cure.

**"Plan of care"** - A written document based on assessment of client needs that identifies services to meet these needs.

**"Related condition(s)"** - Any health condition(s) that manifests secondary to or exacerbates symptoms associated with the progression of the condition and/or disease, the treatment being received, or the process of dying. (Examples of related conditions: Medication management of nausea and vomiting secondary to pain medication; skin breakdown prevention/treatment due to peripheral edema.)

**"Residence"** - A client's home or place of living.

**"Revoke"** or **"revocation"** - The choice to stop receiving hospice care.

**"Terminally ill"** - The client has a life expectancy of six months or less, assuming the client's disease process runs its natural course.

**"Twenty-four-hour day"** - A day beginning and ending at midnight.

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