

**WAC 182-500-0045 Medical assistance definitions—H. "Health benefit exchange"** means the public-private partnership created pursuant to chapter 43.71 RCW.

**"Health insurance premium tax credit (HIPTC)"** is a premium tax credit that is refundable and can also be paid in advance from the Internal Revenue Service to a taxpayer's insurance company to help cover the cost of premiums for a taxpayer enrolled in a qualified health plan (QHP) through the health benefit exchange. This tax credit is specified in Section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**"Health maintenance organization (HMO)"** means an entity licensed by the office of the insurance commissioner to provide comprehensive medical services directly to an eligible enrolled client in exchange for a premium paid by the agency on a prepaid capitation risk basis.

**"Health care professional"** means a provider of health care services licensed or certified by the state in which they practice.

**"Health care service category"** means a grouping of health care services listed in the table in WAC 182-501-0060. A health care service category is included or excluded depending on the client's medical assistance benefits package.

**"Home health agency"** means an agency or organization certified under medicare to provide comprehensive health care on a part-time or intermittent basis to a patient in the patient's place of residence.

**"Hospital"** means an entity that is licensed as an acute care hospital in accordance with applicable state laws and rules, or the applicable state laws and rules of the state in which the entity is located when the entity is out-of-state, and is certified under Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act. The term "hospital" includes a medicare or state-certified distinct rehabilitation unit or a psychiatric hospital.

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