

WAC 246-980-010 Definitions. The definitions in this section and in RCW 74.39A.009 apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Activities of daily living" means self-care abilities related to personal care such as bathing, body care, bed mobility, eating, locomotion, medication assistance, use of the toilet, personal hygiene, dressing, and transfer.

(2) "Date of hire" means:

(a) The date of service authorization for individual providers hired by the department of social and health services; or

(b) The date the long-term care worker provides direct care for pay from any employer, other than the department of social and health services;

(c) The date of hire is specific to each long-term care worker, not to the employer, and does not change if a long-term care worker changes employers. If a long-term care worker is or has been employed by more than one employer, the earliest date of hire will be the date of hire for that worker.

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

(4) "Direct care worker" means a paid caregiver who provides hands-on personal care services to individuals with disabilities or the elderly requiring long-term care.

(5) "Instrumental activities of daily living" means routine activities performed in the home or the community such as meal preparation, shopping, house cleaning, laundry, maintaining employment, travel to medical services, use of the telephone, and management of personal finances.

(6) "Medication assistance" has the same meaning as chapter 246-888 WAC.

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

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