

4695.0600 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of parts 4695.0500 to 4695.1600, the words, terms, and phrases listed in subparts 2 to 21 shall have the meaning stated herein, unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended.

Subp. 2. **Administrative authority.** "Administrative authority" means the state agency responsible for administering the law and rules establishing a credential for a human services occupation.

Subp. 3. **Applicant group.** "Applicant group" means an occupational group that has submitted a letter of intent to begin the regulatory process.

Subp. 4. **Career progression.** "Career progression" means opportunity to move up a career ladder or enter a related profession without loss of credit for previous education and experience.

Subp. 5. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

Subp. 6. **Competence.** "Competence" means possession of requisite abilities to fulfill work obligations.

Subp. 7. **Conflict of interest.** "Conflict of interest" means:

A. a direct or indirect financial or self-serving interest in the matter under consideration so that the member is not so free from personal bias, prejudice, or preconceived notion as to make it possible for the member to consider objectively the evidence presented and base a decision solely on such evidence;

B. circumstances such that a member finds it difficult, if not impossible to devote himself or herself to a consideration of the matter with complete energy, loyalty, and singleness of purpose to the general public interest.

Subp. 8. **Continuing education.** "Continuing education" means education or training beyond the individual's precredentialing preparation for an occupation.

Subp. 9. **Council.** "Council" means the Human Services Occupations Advisory Council.

Subp. 10. **Credentialing.** "Credentialing" means licensure or registration and the process by which they are obtained and administered.

Subp. 11. **Department.** "Department" means Minnesota Department of Health.

Subp. 12. **Function.** "Function" means a special task, duty, or performance required in the course of work or activity.

Subp. 13. **Functional differentiation.** "Functional differentiation" means those functions carried out by a particular occupational group that distinguish that group from others.

Subp. 14. **Human services occupations.** "Human services occupations" means an occupation whose principal functions are performed customarily for remuneration on behalf of individuals, families, or groups to assist in achieving:

A. optimal economic security through the provision of employment services, income security services, and income maintenance and ancillary supportive services;

B. optimal health through the provision of maintenance, diagnostic, treatment, and ancillary supportive services in the area of physical health, environmental health, mental health, and developmental disabilities;

C. optimal knowledge and skills through the provision of formal educational services, supplementary educational services, and ancillary supportive services; or

D. optimal social functioning through the provision of social adjustment services, social development services, protective services, correctional services, services to victims of abuse, neglect, exploitation or crime, and ancillary supportive services.

Subp. 15. **Letter of intent.** "Letter of intent" means an applicant group's written expression of aim to pursue regulation.

Subp. 16. **Licensure.** "Licensure" means a system whereby a practitioner must receive recognition by the state that he or she has met predetermined qualifications, and persons not so licensed are prohibited from practicing.

Subp. 17. **Not now credentialed.** "Not now credentialed" means those occupations whose members are not currently licensed or registered by the state and those occupations whose members are currently licensed or registered by the state but who seek to expand or specialize their functions within that licensed or registered occupation such that the group members seek further state recognition by new, expanded, or specialty licensure or registration.

Subp. 18. **Occupational group.** "Occupational group" means human service workers who have common occupational functions.

Subp. 19. **Public forum.** "Public forum" means public meeting(s) called to obtain comments on an applicant group's questionnaire. The meeting is open to the public, but it is not a hearing and does not require the hearings notification procedures called for by Minnesota Statutes.

Subp. 20. **Questionnaire.** "Questionnaire" means document designed to provide information about an occupational group for purposes of aiding in making a regulatory determination.

Subp. 21. **Registration.** "Registration" means a system whereby practitioners who will be the only persons permitted to use a designated title are listed on an official roster after having met predetermined qualifications.

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