

**144.7063 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, for the purposes of sections 144.706 to 144.7069, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

Subd. 3. **Facility.** "Facility" means a hospital or outpatient surgical center licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58.

Subd. 4. **Serious disability.** "Serious disability" means (1) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual or a loss of bodily function, if the impairment or loss lasts more than seven days or is still present at the time of discharge from an inpatient health care facility, or (2) loss of a body part.

Subd. 5. **Surgery.** "Surgery" means the treatment of disease, injury, or deformity by manual or operative methods. Surgery includes endoscopies and other invasive procedures.

**History:** 2003 c 99 s 2; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 7 s 84; 2004 c 198 s 15

**NOTE:** Subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 2004, chapter 198, section 15, is effective on the date of full implementation of the adverse health care events reporting system as provided in Laws 2003, chapter 99, section 7, provided the commissioner of health has secured sufficient funds from nonstate sources to operate the adverse health care events reporting system in fiscal year 2005. Laws 2004, chapter 198, section 15, the effective date.