

**144A.51 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 144A.51 to 144A.54, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Administrative agency or agency.** "Administrative agency" or "agency" means any division, official, or employee of a state or local governmental agency, but does not include:

- (a) any member of the senate or house of representatives;
- (b) the governor or personal staff of the governor;
- (c) any instrumentality of the federal government of the United States; or
- (d) any court or judge.

Subd. 3. **Director.** "Director" means the director of the Office of Health Facility Complaints.

Subd. 4. **Health care provider.** "Health care provider" means any professional licensed by the state to provide medical or health care services who does provide the services to a resident of a health facility or a residential care home.

Subd. 5. **Health facility.** "Health facility" means a facility or that part of a facility which is required to be licensed pursuant to sections 144.50 to 144.58, and a facility or that part of a facility which is required to be licensed under any law of this state which provides for the licensure of nursing homes.

Subd. 6. **Resident.** "Resident" means any resident or patient of a health facility or a residential care home, or a consumer of services provided by a home care provider, or the guardian or conservator of the resident, patient, or consumer, if one has been appointed.

Subd. 7. **Home care provider.** "Home care provider" means a home care provider as defined in section 144A.43, subdivision 4.

**History:** 1976 c 325 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 378 s 9,10; 1987 c 384 art 2 s 1; 1991 c 292 art 2 s 12; 1992 c 513 art 6 s 12-14