

**256.9741 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Long-term care facility.** "Long-term care facility" means a nursing home licensed under sections 144A.02 to 144A.10; a boarding care home licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56; or a licensed or registered residential setting that provides or arranges for the provision of home care services.

Subd. 2. **Acute care facility.** "Acute care facility" means a facility licensed as a hospital under sections 144.50 to 144.56.

Subd. 3. **Client.** "Client" means an individual who requests, or on whose behalf a request is made for, ombudsman services and is (a) a resident of a long-term care facility or (b) a Medicare beneficiary who requests assistance relating to access, discharge, or denial of inpatient or outpatient services, or (c) an individual reserving, receiving, or requesting a home care service.

Subd. 4. **Area agency on aging.** "Area agency on aging" means an agency responsible for coordinating a comprehensive aging services system within a planning and service area that has been designated an area agency on aging by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Subd. 5. **Office.** "Office" means the office of ombudsman established within the Minnesota Board on Aging or local ombudsman programs that the Board on Aging designates.

Subd. 6. **Home care service.** "Home care service" means health, social, or supportive services provided to an individual for a fee in the individual's residence and in the community to promote, maintain, or restore health, or maximize the individual's level of independence, while minimizing the effects of disability and illness.

**History:** 1987 c 403 art 2 s 67; 1989 c 282 art 2 s 116-118; 2007 c 147 art 6 s 10,11