

**153.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Words, terms, and phrases.** Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words, terms, and phrases, for the purposes of this chapter, shall be given the meanings subjoined to them.

Subd. 2. **Podiatric medicine.** "Podiatric medicine" means the diagnosis or medical, mechanical, or surgical treatment of the ailments of the human hand, foot, ankle, and the soft tissue of the lower leg distal to the tibial tuberosity. Medical or surgical treatment includes partial foot amputation and excludes amputation of the hand or fingers. Use of local anesthetics is within the scope of medical and surgical management in patient care. Use of anesthetics, other than local, is excluded, except as provided in section 153.26. Podiatric medicine includes the prescribing or recommending of appliances, devices, or shoes for the correction or relief of foot ailments. Podiatric medicine includes the prescribing or administering of any drugs or medications necessary or helpful to the practice of podiatric medicine as defined by this subdivision. For a podiatrist who has completed a residency, podiatric medicine includes the performance of all or part of the medical history and physical examination for the purpose of hospital admission for podiatric management or preoperative podiatric surgery.

Subd. 3. **Board.** "Board" means the Board of Podiatric Medicine of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1987 c 108 s 17]

**History:** (5769, 5783) 1917 c 382 s 2,16; 1935 c 266 s 1; 1957 c 192 s 1; 1959 c 70 s 1; 1961 c 369 s 2; 1973 c 693 s 19; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1987 c 108 s 1,2; 1990 c 540 s 1; 2004 c 279 art 8 s 1