144.602 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For purposes of sections 144.602 to 144.608, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

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

Subd. 3. **Major trauma.** "Major trauma" means a sudden severe injury or damage to the body caused by an external force that results in potentially life-threatening injuries or that could result in the following disabilities:

(1) impairment of cognitive or mental abilities;

(2) impairment of physical functioning; or

(3) disturbance of behavioral or emotional functioning.

Subd. 4. **Trauma hospital.** "Trauma hospital" means a hospital that voluntarily meets the commissioner's criteria under section 144.603 and that has been designated as a trauma hospital under section 144.605.

History: *1Sp2005 c 4 art 6 s 25; 2006 c 212 art 3 s 12*