

**245H.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given in this section.

Subd. 2. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means an individual or organization that is subject to certification under this chapter and that applied for but is not yet granted certification under this chapter.

Subd. 2a. **Authorized agent.** "Authorized agent" means the individual designated by the certification holder who is responsible for communicating with the commissioner of human services regarding all items pursuant to this chapter.

Subd. 3. **Center operator or program operator.** "Center operator" or "program operator" means the person exercising supervision or control over the center's or program's operations, planning, and functioning.

Subd. 4. **Certification holder.** "Certification holder" means the individual or organization that is legally responsible for the operation of the center, and granted certification by the commissioner under this chapter.

Subd. 5. **Certified license-exempt child care center.** "Certified license-exempt child care center" means the commissioner's written authorization for a child care center excluded from licensure under section 245A.03, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (5), (11) to (13), (15), (18), (26), or (30), to register to receive child care assistance payments under chapter 119B.

Subd. 6. **Disinfecting.** "Disinfecting" means the use of a product capable of destroying or inactivating harmful germs, except bacterial spores, consistent with label directions on environmental surfaces including bathroom toilets and floors, diaper-changing surfaces, and surfaces exposed to blood or other bodily fluids.

Subd. 7. **Substitute.** "Substitute" means an adult who is temporarily filling a position as a staff person for less than 240 hours total in a calendar year due to the absence of a regularly employed staff person who provides direct contact services to a child.

Subd. 8. **Staff person.** "Staff person" means an employee of a certified center who provides direct contact services to children.

Subd. 9. **Unsupervised volunteer.** "Unsupervised volunteer" means an individual who: (1) assists in the care of a child in care; (2) is not under the continuous direct supervision of a staff person; and (3) is not employed by the certified center.

**History:** *1Sp2017 c 6 art 16 s 43,68; 1Sp2019 c 9 art 2 s 85-87; 2023 c 70 art 8 s 40-42*