

## Chapter RL 180

### AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

RL 180.01 Authority.

RL 180.02 Definitions.

**RL 180.01 Authority.** The rules in chs. RL 180 to 183 are adopted under the authority of ss. 227.11 (2) and 440.08 (3), Stats., and subch. XII of ch. 440, Stats.

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**RL 180.02 Definitions.** As used in chs. RL 180 to 183 and in subch. XII of ch. 440, Stats.:

**(1)** “Administer” means the direct provision of a prescription drug or device, whether by injection, ingestion or any other means, to the body of a client.

**(1m)** “Automated external defibrillator” means a defibrillator device to which all of the following apply:

(a) It is approved for commercial distribution by the federal food and drug administration.

(b) It is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia and of determining without intervention by the user of the device whether defibrillation should be performed.

(c) After having determined that defibrillation should be performed, it is capable, either at the command of an operator or without intervention by an operator, of delivering an electrical shock to an individual.

**(2)** “Client” means a woman who obtains maternity care provided by a licensed midwife.

**(3)** “Consultation” means discussing the aspects of an individual client’s circumstance with other professionals to assure comprehensive and quality care for the client, consistent with the objectives in the client’s treatment plan or for purposes of making adjustments to the client’s treatment plan. Consultation may include history-taking, examination of the client, rendering an opinion concerning diagnosis or treatment, or offering service, assistance or advice.

**(3m)** “Defibrillation” means administering an electrical impulse to an individual’s heart in order to stop ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia.

**(4)** “Department” means the department of safety and professional services.

**(5)** “Direct supervision” means immediate on-premises availability to continually coordinate, direct and inspect at first hand the practice of another.

**(6)** “Health care provider” means a health care provider, as defined in s. 146.81 (1), Stats., a person licensed or issued a training permit as an emergency medical technician under s. 256.15, Stats., or a person certified as a first responder under s. 256.15 (8), Stats.

**(7)** “HIPAA” means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 42 USC 1320d et seq.

**(8)** “Licensed midwife” means a person who has been granted a license under subch. XII of ch. 440, Stats., to engage in the practice of midwifery.

**(9)** “Practice of midwifery” means providing maternity care during the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum periods consistent with the standards of practice set forth in ch. RL 182.

**(10)** “Temporary permit” means a credential granted under s. RL 181.01 (4), to an individual to practice midwifery under the direct supervision of a licensed midwife pending successful completion of the requirements for a license under s. RL 181.01 (1).

**(11)** “Ventricular fibrillation” means a disturbance in the normal rhythm of the heart that is characterized by rapid, irregular, and ineffective twitching of the ventricles of the heart.

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