# Appendix

The relevant text of each statute containing terms with duplicative definitions that have been added to the new definition section in N.J.S. 26:1A-1, including proposed modifications (proposed additions are shown with <u>underlining</u>, proposed deletions with <u>strikethrough</u>), follows:

# N.J.S. 26:1-1. Terms defined

As used in this Title unless otherwise specifically indicated

"State department," "department of health" and "department" mean the State Department of Health;

"Commissioner" or "Director" means the State Commissioner of Health, who is the chief administrative officer of the State Department of Health;

"Council" means the Public Health Council in the State Department of Health;

"Division" means one of the divisions in the State Department of Health;

"Division director" means the director of one of the divisions in the State Department of Health;

"Local board" or "local board of health" means the board of health of any municipality or the boards, body, or officers in such municipality lawfully exercising any of the powers of a local board of health under the laws governing such municipality and when, pursuant to law any local board of health is superseded by a consolidated local board of health or a county local board of health, and the functions, powers and duties conferred and imposed by this Title upon such local board of health shall thereupon be transferred to, and exercised and performed by, such consolidated local board of health or county local board of health, as the case may be, the term "local board of health" or "local board" as used in this Title shall thereafter be deemed to mean and include such consolidated local board of health, or county local board of health so far as relates to the exercise of such functions, powers and duties.

Credits: Amended by L.1947, c. 177, § 64, eff. July 1, 1947; L.1950, c. 29, § 7, eff. April 11, 1950; L.1951, c. 69, § 67.

## Comment

The substance of N.J.S. 26:1-1 is proposed for removal in its entirety to consolidate the definition sections contained therein, and in N.J.S. 26:1A-1, in order that an easily identifiable and broadly applicable definition section appears at the beginning of Title 26 (Health Act).

# N.J.S. 26:1A-1. Definitions

As used in this act, unless otherwise specifically indicated, "State Department," "Department of Health" and "department" mean the State Department of Health;

"Adult" means an individual who has reached majority pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1972, c. 81 (C.9:17B-3);

"Alzheimer's disease and related disorders" means a form of dementia characterized by a general loss of intellectual abilities of sufficient severity to interfere with social or occupational functioning;

"Birthing facility" means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility licensed by the Department of Health that provides birthing and newborn care services;

"Contagious disease" means an infectious disease that can be transmitted from person to person;

"Commissioner" <u>or "Director"</u> means the State Commissioner of Health who is the chief administrative officer of the State Department of Health;

"Council" means the Public Health Council in the State Department of Health;

"Covered person" means a person on whose behalf a carrier offering the plan is obligated to pay benefits or provide services pursuant to the health benefits plan;

"Division" means one of the divisions in the State Department of Health;

"Division director" means the director of one of the divisions in the State Department of Health;

"Hospital" means a general acute care hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.):

"Infectious disease" means a disease caused by a living organism or other pathogen, including a fungus, bacteria, parasite, protozoan, virus, or prion. An infectious disease may, or may not, be transmissible from person to person, animal to person, or insect to person;

"Local board" or "local board of health" means the board of health of any municipality or the boards, bodies or officers in such municipality lawfully exercising any of the powers of a local board of health under the laws governing such municipality, and includes any consolidated local board of health or county local board of health created and established pursuant to law:-

"Local health agency" means any county, regional, municipal or other governmental agency organized for the purpose of providing health services, administered by a full-time health officer and conducting a public health program pursuant to law;

"Local registrar" or "registrar" means the local registrar of vital statistics;

"Long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.);

"Medicaid" means the New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.);

"Medicare" means the program established by the "Health Insurance for the Aged Act," Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," Pub.L. 89-97, as then constituted or later amended (42 U.S.C. s.1395 et seq.);

"Person" means a natural person, partnership, association, agency, corporation, organization, institution, agency, trusts, or other similar entity;

"State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; "State Department," "Department of Health" and "department" mean the State Department of Health;

"State registrar" means the State Registrar of Vital Statistics;

"Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be consistent with generally recognized independent standards of current medical practice referenced in the most current version of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;

"Vital records" means the birth, death, fetal death, marriage, civil union and domestic partnership records from which vital statistics are produced;

"Vital statistics" means statistics concerning births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships established pursuant to P.L.2003, c. 246 (C.26:8A-1 et al.).

Credits: L.1947, c. 177, § 1, eff. July 1, 1947. Amended by L.1950, c. 29, § 1, eff. April 11, 1950; L.1951, c. 69, § 66.

#### Comment

To create a consolidated definition section at the beginning of Title 26, modifications are proposed to this section to include "Director" as an alternative term for "Commissioner" to maintain consistency with N.J.S. 26:1-1, as well as other newly identified terms used throughout the Health Act that are defined consistently and repeatedly. The statute has also been modified to order the terms alphabetically.

• "Adult"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Adult." The various duplicative definitions of this term were combined into a single consolidated definition. Two of four occurrences referenced N.J.S. 9:17B-3, which sets forth the definition of "majority" as 18 years and older, while the other two simply stated that an "adult" is 18 years or older. Therefore, the version of the definition referencing the definitional statute was used as the consolidated definition in order to account for any subsequent amendments to the definition of "majority."

• "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders." All of the duplicative definitions of this term used identical language.

• "Birthing facility"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Birthing facility." All of the duplicative definitions of this term used identical language.

• "Contagious disease"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Contagious disease." The term was defined only once in Title 26, but is used repeatedly throughout the Health Act.

• "Covered person"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Covered person." The duplicative definitions of this term were consolidated to encompass the broadest and most generic version of the definition.

• "Hospital"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Hospital." The duplicative definitions of this term were almost entirely identical except that the wording appeared in a slightly different order.

## • "Infectious disease"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Infectious disease." All of the duplicative definitions of this term used identical language.

#### • "Local health agency"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Local health agency." The duplicative definitions of this term were almost entirely identical except that the wording appeared in a slightly different order.

• "Local registrar"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Local registrar." All of the duplicative definitions of this term used identical language.

• "Long-term care facility"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Long-term care facility." All of the duplicative definitions of this term used identical language.

• "Medicaid"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Medicaid." The duplicative definitions of this term all referenced the program's enabling act but were inconsistent with respect to the program's title. Therefore, the consolidated definition of this term cites to the program's proper name as well as the act establishing it.

• "Medicare"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Medicare." The duplicative definitions of this term all referenced the program's enabling act but were inconsistent with respect to the program's title. Therefore, the consolidated definition of this term cites to the program's proper name as well as the act establishing it.

• "Person"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Person." The duplicative definitions of this term that were eliminated all contained an open-ended list of entities qualifying as a "person." The consolidated definition referenced all of the terms and used "or other similar entity," (the most common phrase among the three duplicative definitions) to denote that the list was not exhaustive.

• "State"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "State." The duplicative definitions of this term were consolidated to encompass the broadest and most generic version of the definition.

• "State registrar"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "State registrar." All but one of the duplicative definitions of this term used identical language, and the consolidated definition used this common language as it encompassed the meaning of the differing definition.

• "Substance use disorder"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Substance use disorder." Although the wording was not completely identical, the duplicative definitions of this term all cited the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, authored by the American Psychiatric Association, as this term's definitional reference, as does the consolidated definition.

• "Vital records"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Vital records." The term was defined only once in Title 26, but is used repeatedly throughout the Health Act.

• "Vital statistics"

Modification is proposed to include a consolidated definition of the term "Vital statistics." The term was defined only once in Title 26, but is used repeatedly throughout the Health Act.

# N.J.S. 26:2-96. Definitions

For the purposes of this act:

a. "Child" means any person under 21 years of age.

b. "Terminal illness" means an illness for which there is no known cure and which ultimately ends in death, and which has been certified as such by two physicians licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

c. "Department" means the State Department of Health.

d. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health.

Credits: L.1972, c. 193, § 4, eff. Dec. 20, 1972.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of each term appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2-103.2. Definitions relative to universal newborn hearing screening

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health .

"Department" means the Department of Health .

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2001, c. 373, § 2, eff. Jan. 1, 2002. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 112, eff. June 29, 2012.

## • "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of each term appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2-111.2. HIV testing required for certain newborns

a. The Commissioner of Health shall require each birthing facility in the State to administer to a newborn in its care a test for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) if the HIV status of the mother of the newborn is unknown.

A newborn shall not be denied testing for HIV on the basis of the newborn's economic status.

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d. As used in this section, "birthing facility" means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility licensed by the Department of Health that provides birthing and newborn care services.

d. e. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and regulations ....

Credits: L.2007, c. 218, § 4, eff. June 24, 2008. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 118, eff. June 29, 2012.

## Comment

• "Birthing facility"

A duplicative definition of the term "Birthing facility" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent subsections have been re-lettered.

# N.J.S. 26:2-111.4. Birthing facilities required to perform pulse oximetry screening; rules; regulations

a. The Commissioner of Health shall require each birthing facility licensed by the Department of Health to perform a pulse oximetry screening, a minimum of 24 hours after birth, on every newborn in its care.

b. As used in this section, "birthing facility" means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility licensed by the Department of Health that provides birthing and newborn care services.

<u>b. e.</u> The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c. 410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

Credits: L.2011, c. 74, § 2, eff. Aug. 31, 2011. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 119, eff. June 29, 2012.

• "Birthing facility"

A duplicative definition of the term "Birthing facility" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent subsections have been re-lettered.

## N.J.S. 26:2-120. Definitions

As used in this act:

## a. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Health;

b. "Program" means the poison control and drug information program established by the commissioner.

Credits: L.1982, c. 177, § 2, eff. Nov. 12, 1982.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. Due to this proposed elimination, the lettering in the statute is also proposed for removal.

## N.J.S. 26:2-125. Definitions

As used in this act:

a. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Health;

#### b. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

e. "Program" means the hypertension control program established by the commissioner.

Credits: L.1985, c. 5, § 2, eff. Jan. 10, 1985.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the term appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. Due to these proposed eliminations, the lettering in the statute is also proposed for removal.

# N.J.S. 26:2-131. Definitions

As used in this act:

"Child" means a person one through five years of age.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Lead poisoning" means ...

Credits: L.1985, c. 84, § 2, eff. March 25, 1985. Amended by L.2017, c. 7, § 1, eff. Feb. 6, 2017.

## Comment

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the term appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2-137.3. Definitions relative to lead exposure

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.1995, c. 328, § 2, eff. March 5, 1996. Amended by L.2017, c. 7, § 4, eff. Feb. 6, 2017.

## Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the term appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2-139. Definitions

As used in this act:

a. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the State Department of Health;

b. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

<sup>• &</sup>quot;Commissioner" and "Department"

e. "Program" means the Diabetes Control Program established by the commissioner.

Credits: L.1987, c. 10, § 2, eff. Jan. 20, 1987.

### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the term appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. Due to these proposed eliminations, the lettering in the statute is also proposed for removal.

# N.J.S. 26:2A-3. Definitions

For the purposes of this act, unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Act" means this act and any rule or regulation adopted hereunder:

(b) "Person" means a natural person, partnership, association, corporation, institution, agency, or other similar type entity;

<u>(b) (c)</u> "Blood" means ....

(c) (d) "Blood bank" means ...;

(d) (e) "Collection" means the obtaining of blood by the bleeding of donors;.

(e) (f) "Processing" means ....

(f) (g) "Storage" means ...;.

(g) (h) "Distribution" means ....

(h) (i) "Licensee" means ....

(i) (j) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the State Department of Health or his duly authorized agent.

# (k) "Department" means the State Department of Health.

Credits: L.1963, c. 33, § 2, eff. Aug. 8, 1963.

#### Comment

# • "Department" and "Person"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Department" and "Person" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent subsections have been relettered.

# N.J.S. 26:2A-17. Definitions relative to human milk banks

For the purposes of this act:

"Collection" means the obtaining of donated human breast milk.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

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"Person" means a person, partnership, association, agency, organization, or other similar entity.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2017, c. 247, § 1, eff. July 7, 2018.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner," "Department" and "Person"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner," "Department" and "Person" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2A-24. Definitions relative to embryo storage facilities

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

## "Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2019, c. 268, § 2, eff. Feb. 1, 2021.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2AA-3. Definitions relative to RSDS

As used in this  $act_{:}^{:1}$ 

## "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health; and

"Reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome" or "RSDS" means ....

#### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> L.2007, c. 255 (N.J.S.A. § 26:2AA-1 et seq.).

Credits: L.2007, c. 255, § 3, eff. July 5, 2008. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 144, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:2B-8. Definitions

The following words as used in P.L.1975, c. 305 (C.26:2B-7 et seq.) shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

\* \* \*

#### "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.1975, c. 305, § 2, eff. May 9, 1976. Amended by L.2017, c. 131, § 70, eff. July 21, 2017.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

There is legislation pending that would affect this statute. S.B. 1042, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to: A.B. 1952) and A.B. 2586, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022), propose replacing the current definition of "Commissioner [of Health]" with "Commissioner of Human Services," and "Department [of Health]" with "Department of Human Services."

## N.J.S. 26:2F-3. Definitions

For the purposes of this act unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

(a) "Local health agency" means any county, regional, municipal or other governmental agency organized for the purpose of providing health services, administered by a full time health officer and conducting a public health program pursuant to law.

(a) (b) "Commissioner" shall mean the State Commissioner of Health or his designee.

(b) (c) "Special projects and development fund" shall mean the fund established in section 7 of this act.<sup>1</sup>

(c) (d) "Priority health services" means ...

(d)-(e) "Public health priority fund" shall mean ...

(e) (f) "Annual expenditures for health purposes" shall mean ...

(f) (g)(1) "Noninstitutional population" shall mean ...

(2) "Special needs population" shall mean ...

(g) (h) "Full-time health officer" means ...

(i) Deleted by amendment.

(j) Deleted by amendment.

(h)-(k) "Criteria for participation" shall mean ...

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> N.J.S.A. § 26:2F-7

Credits: L.1966, c. 36, § 3, eff. July 1, 1966. Amended by L.1977, c. 332, § 3, eff. Jan. 23, 1978.

#### Comment

• "Local health agency"

A duplicative definition of the term "Local health agency" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent subsections have been re-lettered and those subsections previously deleted by amendment are proposed for deletion.

# N.J.S. 26:2G-22. Definitions

As used in this act:

#### \* \* \*

## "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health .

Credits: L.1970, c. 334, § 2, eff. Dec. 29, 1970. Amended by L.2017, c. 131, § 88, eff. July 21, 2017.

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

There is legislation pending that would affect this statute. S.B. 1042, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to: A.B. 1952) and A.B. 2586, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022), propose replacing the current definition of "Commissioner [of Health]" with "Commissioner of Human Services," and "Department [of Health]" with "Department of Human Services."

# N.J.S. 26:2H-2. Definitions

The following words or phrases, as used in this act, shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

\* \* \*

i. "Department" means the Department of Health.

j. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

i. k. "Preliminary cost base" means that proportion ...

j. l. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1992, c. 160).

j.-m. "Provider of health care" means an individual . . .

<u>k.-n.</u> "Private long-term health care facility" means . . .

# o. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1998, c. 43).

<u>*L*-p.</u> "State Health Planning Board" means the board established pursuant to section 33 of P.L.1991, c. 187 (C.26:2H-5.7) to conduct certificate of need review activities.

<u>m.-q.</u> "Integrated health care" means ....

**Credits:** L.1971, c. 136, § 2. Amended by L.1975, c. 199, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1975; L.1977, c. 251, § 1, eff. Oct. 4, 1977; L.1977, c. 354, § 1, eff. Jan. 31, 1978; L.1978, c. 83, § 2, eff. July 20, 1978; L.1979, c. 388, § 6, eff. Feb. 5, 1980; L.1979, c. 496, § 20, eff. Aug. 27, 1980; L.1980, c. 105, § 5, eff. Sept. 11, 1980; L.1991, c. 187, § 28, eff. July 31, 1991; L.1992, c. 160, § 22, eff. Jan. 1, 1993; L.1998, c. 43, § 2, eff. June 30, 1998; L.2004, c. 54, § 3, eff. July 1, 2004; L.2012, c. 17, § 153, eff. June 29, 2012; L.2015, c. 125, § 1, eff. June 1, 2016; L.2017, c. 294, § 2, eff. Feb. 1, 2019.

### • "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been relettered and those subsections previously deleted by amendment are proposed for deletion.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-5.11. Definitions relative to use of needles, sharp devices in health care facilities

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Needle stick injury" means ....

Credits: L.1999, c. 311, § 2, eff. Jan. 4, 2000. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 166, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-5.25. Definitions relative to designated caregivers

As used in this act:

\* \* \*

"Hospital" means a general acute care hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

"Residence" means ....

Credits: L.2014, c. 68, § 2, eff. May 12, 2015.

#### Comment

• "Hospital"

A duplicative definition of the term "Hospital" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-7.5. Definitions regarding subacute care units

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Hospital" means an acute care general hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C. 26:2H-1 et seq.).

"Subacute care" means ....

"Subacute care unit" means ....

Credits: L. 1996, c. 102, § 2.

Comment

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Hospital" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-7.15. Definitions relative to assisted living

As used in this act:

"Assisted living" means ....

"Assisted living program" means ....

"Assisted living residence" means ....

# "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

Credits: L.2002, c. 25, § 1. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 175, eff. June 29, 2012.

## Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-7.22. Definitions relative to hospital licensure to perform certain cardiac procedures

As used in P.L.2021, c. 18 (C.26:2H-7.22 et al.):

<sup>• &</sup>quot;Commissioner" and "Hospital"

\* \* \*

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Elective angioplasty" means ....

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2021, c. 18, § 1, eff. May 23, 2021.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-12.6b. Definitions relative to emergency contraception for sexual assault victims

As used in P.L.2005, c. 50 (C.26:2H-12.6b et seq.):

## "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

\* \* \*

**Credits:** L.2005, c. 50, § 1, eff. April 20, 2005. Amended by L.2012, c. 16, § 45, eff. June 29, 2012; L.2012, c. 17, § 182, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-12.16. Definitions relative to residential facilities for Medicaid recipients; 10 percent utilization requirement

a. For the purposes of this act, "Medicaid" means the program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.) and "Medicaid-eligible" means ....

b. A new facility that is licensed to operate ....

c. Existing assisted living residences ....

Credits: L.2001, c. 234, § 1, eff. Aug. 31, 2001.

• "Medicaid"

A duplicative definition of the term "Medicaid" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-12.25. Definitions relative to patient safety; plans; reports; documentation, notification of adverse effects, etc.

a. As used in this act:

"Adverse event" means ....

"Anonymous" means ....

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2004, c. 9, § 3. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 190, eff. June 29, 2012.

## Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

There is legislation pending that would affect this statute. A.B. 3244, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) proposes adding to this section a clarification that apologies made for adverse events that are subject to disclosure under the Patient Safety Act are generally inadmissible in legal proceedings and excluded from discovery rules.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-12.33. Availability of certain information on departmental website

a. The Department of Health shall make available to the public, through its official department website, information regarding:

(1) the ownership of each long-term care facility and adult day health services facility licensed by the department; and

(2) any violation of statutory standards or rules and regulations of the department pertaining to the care of patients or physical plant standards found at any such facility by the department.

As used in this section, "long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H 1 et seq.).

\* \* \*

**Credits:** L.2007, c. 65, § 1, eff. June 8, 2007. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 197, eff. June 29, 2012; L.2015, c. 125, § 3, eff. June 1, 2016.

#### Comment

• "Long-term care facility"

A duplicative definition of the term "Long-term care facility" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-12.56. Definitions relative to certain health care facilities

a. For the purposes of this act:

"Assisted living facility" means an assisted living residence or comprehensive personal care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.);

## "Medicaid" means the program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.); and

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2009, c. 61, § 1, eff. Aug. 27, 2009.

#### Comment

• "Medicaid"

A duplicative definition of the term "Medicaid" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-12.87. Definitions, requirements for certain facilities relative to outbreak response plans

a. As used in this section:

"Cohorting" means ....

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

**Credits:** L.2019, c. 243, § 1, eff. Aug. 15, 2019. Amended by L.2020, c. 87, § 7, eff. Sept. 16, 2020; L.2021, c. 190, § 1, eff. Aug. 5, 2021.

### Comment

• *"Department"* 

A duplicative definition of the term "Department" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-12.90. Long-Term Care Emergency Operations Center (LTCEOC)

\* \* \*

a. There is established in the Department of Health the Long-Term Care Emergency Operations Center (LTCEOC)....

\* \* \*

e. As used in sections 1 through 5 of P.L.2020, c. 87 (C.26:2H-12.90 through C.26:2H-12.94), "infectious disease" means a disease caused by a living organism or other pathogen, including a fungus, bacteria, parasite, protozoan, virus, or prion. An infectious disease may, or may not, be transmissible from person to person, animal to person, or insect to person.

Credits: L.2020, c. 87, § 1, eff. Sept. 16, 2020.

## Comment

• "Infectious disease"

A duplicative definition of the term "Infectious disease" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-12.97. Definitions relative to the prevention of social isolation in certain facilities

As used in this act:

"Cohorting" means the same as that term is defined by section 1 of P.L.2019, c. 243 (C.26:2H-12.87).

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Long-term care facility" or "facility" means a nursing home, assisted living facility, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H 1 et seq.).

"Religious and recreational activities" includes any ....

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2020, c. 113, § 1, eff. Oct. 23, 2020.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner," "Department" and "Long-term care facility"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner," "Department" and "Long-term care facility" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-12.100. Stockpiling of personal protective equipment in long-term care facilities, hospitals

a. Each long-term care facility shall make a good faith effort to maintain an adequate emergency stockpile of personal protective equipment necessary to meet the facility's need for personal protective equipment for:

\* \* \*

f. As used in this section:

"General acute care hospital" means a general acute care hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

"Infectious disease" means a disease caused by a living organism or other pathogen, including a fungus, bacteria, parasite, protozoan, virus, or prion. An infectious disease may, or may not, be transmissible from person to person, animal to person, or insect to person.

"Long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

"Personal protective equipment" means any items ....

Credits: L.2020, c. 135, § 1, eff. Dec. 14, 2020.

#### Comment

• "Infectious disease" and "Long-term care facility"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Infectious disease" and "Long-term care facility" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:2H-12.101. Definitions concerning resident rights in long-term care facilities

As used in this  $act^1$ :

"Long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

"Long-term care facility staff" means all individuals employed by, or contracted directly with, a long-term care facility.

\* \* \*

**Foonotes:** <sup>1</sup> L.2021, c. 33 (N.J.S.A. §§ 26:2H-12.101 to 26:2H-12.107).

Credits: L.2021, c. 33, § 1, eff. Aug. 30, 2021.

## Comment

• "Long-term care facility"

A duplicative definition of the term "Long-term care facility" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-14.1. Definitions

As used in this act:

c. "Department" means the State Department of Health.

b. "Heat emergency" means an ...

Credits: L.1984, c. 114, § 1, eff. Aug. 3, 1984.

#### Comment

• *"Department"* 

A duplicative definition of the term "Department" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. Due to this proposed elimination, the lettering in the statute is also proposed for removal.

## N.J.S. 26:2H-18.52. Definitions relative to provision of health care services to low income persons

As used in sections 1 through 17 of P.L.1992, c. 160 (C.26:2H-18.51 through 26:2H-18.67), sections 12 through 15 of P.L.1995, c. 133 (C.26:2H-18. 59a through C.26:2H-18.59d), sections 7 through 12 of P.L.1996, c. 28 (C.26:2H-18.59e et al.) and sections 6, 8, 10 and 11 of P.L.1997, c. 263 (C.26:2H-18.58e, C.26:2H-18.58f, C.26:2H-18.58d and C.26:2H-18.59h):

\* \* \*

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

"Hospital" means an acute care hospital licensed by the Department of Health pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C. 26:2H 1 et al.).

"Medicaid" means the New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Program in the Department of Human Services established pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

"Medicare" means the program established pursuant to Pub.L.89-97 (42 U.S.C. s.1395 et seq.).

**Credits:** L.1992, c. 160, § 2, eff. Jan. 1, 1993. Amended by L.1995, c. 133, § 1, eff. June 26, 1995; L.1996, c. 28, § 1, eff. May 16, 1996, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1996; L.1997, c. 263, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; L.2012, c. 17, § 220, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner," "Department," "Hospital," "Medicaid," and "Medicare"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner," "Department," "Hospital," "Medicaid," and "Medicare" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-18.79. Influenza vaccination in health care facilities

a. As used in this act:

# "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Health care facility" means a general or special hospital, nursing home, or home health care agency licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

Credits: L.2019, c. 330, § 1, eff. Jan. 13, 2020.

## Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-37. Definitions

As used in this act, and unless the context otherwise requires:

a. "Boarding or nursing home" or "home" means....

\* \* \*

#### d. "Department" means the State Department of Health.

**Credits:** L.1977, c. 238, § 2, eff. Sept. 29, 1977. Amended by L.1979, c. 496, § 24, eff. Aug. 27, 1980; L.2015, c. 125, § 7, eff. June 1, 2016.

#### Comment

• "Department"

A duplicative definition of the term "Department" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:2H-55. Definitions

As used in P.L.1991, c. 201 (C.26:2H-53 et seq.):

"Adult" means an individual who has reached majority pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1972, c. 81 (C.9:17B-3).

"Advance directive for health care" or "advance directive" means ....

"Attending physician" means the physician selected by, or assigned to, the patient who has primary responsibility for the treatment and care of the patient.

\* \* \*

"State" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

\* \* \*

**Credits:** L.1991, c. 201, § 3, eff. Jan. 7, 1992. Amended by L.2013, c. 103, § 64, eff. Aug. 7, 2013; L.2015, c. 125, § 8, eff. June 1, 2016.

#### Comment

• "Adult" and "State"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Adult" and "State" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:2H-87.3. Definitions; conditions for licensure

a. As used in this section:

"Assisted living facility" means...

\* \* \*

## "Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2021, c. 190, § 2, eff. Aug. 5, 2021.

#### Comment

• *"Department"* 

A duplicative definition of the term "Department" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-88. Definitions relative to PACE program

As used in this act:<sup>1</sup>

"Medicaid" means the program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

"Medicare" means the program established pursuant to Pub.L.89-97 (42 U.S.C. s.1395 et seq.).

"PACE" means the "Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly," ....

#### Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> N.J.S.A. §§ 26:2H-88 to 26:2H-91.

Credits: L.1997, c. 296, § 1, eff. Jan. 8, 1998. Amended by L.2015, c. 152, § 1, eff. Dec. 1, 2016.

## Comment

## • "Medicaid" and "Medicare"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Medicaid" and "Medicare" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-94. Definitions relative to nursing home quality of care

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

\* \* \*

"Fund" means the "Nursing Home Quality of Care Improvement Fund" established pursuant to this act.

## "Medicaid" means the Medicaid program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

"Nursing home" means ....

**Credits:** L.2003, c. 105, § 3, eff. July 1, 2003. Amended by L.2004, c. 41, § 1, eff. June 29, 2004; L.2012, c. 17, § 246, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Medicaid"

A duplicative definition of the term "Medicaid" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-104. Definitions relative to advance directives for mental health care

As used in this act:

"Adult" means an individual who has reached majority pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1972, c. 81 (C.9:17B-3).

\* \* \*

"State" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**Credits:** L.2005, c. 233, § 3, eff. March 21, 2006. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 248, eff. June 29, 2012; L.2013, c. 103, § 69, eff. Aug. 7, 2013.

#### Comment

• "Adult" and "State"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Adult" and "State" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-131. Definitions relative to POLST forms

As used in sections 1 through 12 of this act:<sup>1</sup>

"Advance directive" means ....

"Advanced practice nurse" or "APN" means ....

# "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Decision-making capacity" means ....

### "Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup>L.2011, c. 145 (N.J.S.A. §§ 26:2H-129 through 26:2H-140).

**Credits:** L.2011, c. 145, § 3, eff. July 1, 2012. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 255, eff. June 29, 2012; L.2019, c. 218, § 4, eff. Aug. 9, 2019.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-143. Definitions relative to children's sudden cardiac events

As used in this act:<sup>1</sup>

"Child" means a child who is under 19 years of age.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> L.2013, c. 143 (N.J.S.A. §§ 26:2H-141 to 26:2H-147).

Credits: L.2013, c. 143, § 3, eff. March 1, 2014.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2H-148. Definitions relative to dementia care homes

As used in sections 18 through 26 of P.L.2015, c. 125 (C.26:2H-149 et seq.):

"Alzheimer's disease and related disorders" means a form of dementia characterized by a general loss of intellectual abilities of sufficient severity to interfere with social or occupational functioning.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2015, c. 125, § 17, eff. June 1, 2016.

#### Comment

• "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders," "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders," "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of them appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2I-3. Terms defined

As used in this act, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context indicates or requires another or different meaning or intent:

\* \* \*

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

\* \* \*

**Credits:** L.1972, c. 29, § 3, eff. Sept. 1, 1972. Amended by L.1997, c. 435, § 3, eff. Jan. 19, 1998; L.2000, c. 98, § 2, eff. Aug. 29, 2000; L.2012, c. 17, § 258, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2J-2. Definitions

a. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health.

- <u>a.</u> <del>b.</del> "Basic health care services" means ....
- b. e. "Health care services" includes ....
- c. d. "Enrollee" means ....
- d. e. "Evidence of coverage" means ....

e. f. "Health maintenance organization" means ....

g. "Person" means any natural or artificial person including but not limited to individuals, partnerships, associations, trusts, or corporations.

f. h. "Provider" means ....

g. i. "Health care facility" means ....

Credits: L.1973, c. 337, § 2, eff. Dec. 27, 1973.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Person"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Person" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been relettered.

# N.J.S. 26:2J-4.20. HMO to provide coverage for mental health conditions and substance use disorders

a. (1) Every enrollee agreement delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this State pursuant to P.L.1973, c. 337 (C.26:2J-1 et seq.) or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance....

(2) As used in this section:

\* \* \*

"Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be consistent with generally recognized independent standards of current medical practice referenced in the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c. 58)

<u>b.-</u>*c.* The provisions of this section shall apply to enrollee agreements in which the health maintenance organization has reserved the right to change the premium.

<u>c.d.</u> Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for a health maintenance organization to provide benefits pursuant to section 8 of P.L.2017, c. 28 (C.26:2J-4.39).

Credits: L.1999, c. 106, § 8. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 271, eff. June 29, 2012; L.2019, c. 58, § 8, eff. June 10, 2019.

#### • "Substance use disorder"

A duplicative definition of the term "Substance use disorder" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been re-lettered, and the subsection previously deleted by amendment is proposed for removal.

There is legislation pending that would affect this statute. S.B. 1609, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to: A.B. 680) and S.B. 352, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to A.B. 2008), propose adding new terms to the definition section in N.J.S. 26:2J-4.20. Finally, A.B. 1141, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022), proposes adding language requiring health insurance coverage for annual mental health screenings.

# N.J.S. 26:2J-4.39. Health maintenance organization contract to provide benefits for substance use disorder

a. A health maintenance organization contract that provides hospital or medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State, or approved for issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance....

\* \* \*

p. As used in this section:

"Concurrent review" means inpatient care is reviewed as it is provided. Medically qualified reviewers monitor appropriateness of the care, the setting, and patient progress, and as appropriate, the discharge plans.

"Substance use disorder" is as defined by the American Psychiatric Association in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition and any subsequent editions and shall include substance use withdrawal.

Credits: L.2017, c. 28, § 8, eff. May 16, 2017.

#### Comment

• "Substance use disorder"

A duplicative definition of the term "Substance use disorder" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2J-31. Definitions

As used in this act:

\* \* \*

"Medicare" means the program established by the "Health Insurance for the Aged Act," Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," Pub.L. 89-97, as then constituted or later amended (42 U.S.C. s.1395 et seq.).

"Medicare supplement contract" means ....

\* \* \*

Credits: L.1992, c. 164, § 1, eff. Dec. 2, 1992.

#### Comment

• "Medicare"

A duplicative definition of the term "Medicare" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2K-7. Definitions

As used in this act:

\* \* \*

# d. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the State Department of Health;

e. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

d. f. "Emergency service" means ...

e. g. "Inter-hospital care" means ...

- f. h. "Mobile intensive care paramedic" means ...
- g. i. "Mobile intensive care unit" means ...
- <u>h.-j.</u> "Pre-hospital care" means ....
- i. k. "Volunteer paramedic unit" means ....<sup>1</sup>
- Credits: L.1984, c. 146, § 1, eff. Dec. 7, 1984.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S.B. 4235, 2020 Leg., 219<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2021) (identical to A.B. 6132), which proposed adding the term "volunteer paramedic unit" to the definition section in N.J.S. 26:2K-7, was enacted into law on January 18, 2022, at L.2021, c.480.

### • "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been relettered.

There is legislation pending which would affect this statute. S.B. 1047, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to A.B. 798) proposes adding several new terms to the definition section in N.J.S. 26:2K-7. Additionally, A.B. 2196, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) proposes repealing N.J.S. 26:2K-7 in its entirety.

## N.J.S. 26:2K-21. Definitions

As used in this act:

\* \* \*

# c. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the State Department of Health;

d. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

- c. e. "Emergency service" means ...
- d. f. "EMT-intermediate" means ...
- e. g. "Inter-hospital care" means ...
- f. h. "Intermediate life support program" means ...
- g. i. "Intermediate life support services" means ...
- h. j. "Pre-hospital care" means ....

Credits: L.1985, c. 351, § 1, eff. Feb. 5, 1986.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been relettered.

There is legislation pending which would affect this statute. S.B. 1047, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to A.B. 798) and A.B. 2196, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) propose repealing N.J.S. 26:2K-21 in its entirety.

# N.J.S. 26:2K-35. Definitions

As used in this act:

# a. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

<u>a.</u> <del>b.</del> "Dispatch" means ....

b. c. "Emergency medical service helicopter response unit" means ....

c. d. "Emergency medical transportation" means ....

d. e. "Medical direction" means ....

e. f. "Mobile intensive care hospital" means ....

<u>f. g.</u> "Regional trauma center" means ....

g. h. "Critical care center" means ....

h. i. "Superintendent" means ....

**Credits:** L.1986, c. 106, § 1, eff. Dec. 4, 1986. Amended by L.2010, c. 80, § 1, eff. Feb. 1, 2011; L.2012, c. 17, § 278, eff. June 29, 2012; L.2012, c. 45, § 113, eff. July 1, 2013.

### Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been re-lettered.

There is legislation pending which would affect this statute. S.B. 1047, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to A.B. 798) proposes repealing N.J.S. 26:2K-35 in its entirety. Additionally, A.B 2196, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) proposes eliminating a cross-reference to N.J.S. 26:2K-7 and replacing it with a reference to another section.

# N.J.S. 26:2K-39. Definitions

As used in this act:

# "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Emergency medical service" means ....

\* \* \*

Credits: L.1989, c. 314, § 1, eff. April 12, 1990. Amended by L.1996, c. 136, § 1, eff. June 3, 1997.

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

There is legislation pending which would affect this statute. S.B. 1047, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to A.B. 798) proposes repealing N.J.S. 26:2K-39 in its entirety. Additionally, A.B 2196, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) proposes eliminating a cross-reference to N.J.S. 26:2K-21 and replacing it with a reference to another section.

# N.J.S. 26:2K-47.1. Definitions relative to administration of epinephrine

As used in this act:

## "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health;

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2003, c. 1, § 1, eff. May 27, 2003. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 279, eff. June 29, 2012.

### Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

There is legislation pending which would affect this statute. S.B. 1047, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to A.B. 798) proposes repealing N.J.S. 26:2K-47.1 in its entirety. Additionally, A.B 2196, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) proposes eliminating a cross-reference to N.J.S. 26:2K-21 and replacing it with a reference to another section.

# N.J.S. 26:2K-49. Definitions

As used in this act:

"Advanced life support" means ....

\* \* \*

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Coordinator" means ....

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.1992, c. 96, § 2, eff. Sept. 10, 1992.

## • "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

There is legislation pending which would affect this statute. S.B. 1047, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to A.B. 798) proposes repealing N.J.S. 26:2K-49 in its entirety. Additionally, A.B 2196, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) proposes eliminating definitional language in N.J.S. 26:2K-49 and replacing it with a cross-reference to a new section in the pending bill.

# N.J.S. 26:2K-55. Definitions

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.1992, c. 143, § 2, eff. Nov. 19, 1992.

#### Comment

### • "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

There is legislation pending which would affect this statute. S.B. 1047, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) (identical to A.B. 798) proposes repealing N.J.S. 26:2K-55 in its entirety.

# N.J.S. 26:2K-66. Definitions relative to emergency medical services

As used in P.L.2017, c. 116 (C.26:2K-66 et seq.):

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council" means ....

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2017, c. 116, § 1, eff. Jan. 17, 2018.

### • "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:2KK-6. Violence prevention in certain trauma centers; rules, regulations

\* \* \*

c. As used in this section:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Hospital-based or hospital-linked violence intervention program" means ....

Credits: L.2019, c. 209, § 1, eff. Aug. 5, 2019.

## Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2L-3. Definitions

As used in this act:

a. "Board" means the Therapeutic Research Qualification Review Board established in section 5 of this act.<sup>1</sup>

b. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health.

b. e. "Schedule I controlled dangerous substance" means ....

c. d. "Drugs" means ....

d. e. "Practitioner" means ....

e. f. "Program" means ....

Credits: L.1981, c. 72, § 3, eff. March 23, 1981.

## • "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been re-lettered.

# N.J.S. 26:2M-10. Definitions

As used in this act:

a. "Adult day care" means a community-based group program designed to meet the needs of functionally or cognitively impaired adults through an individual plan of care structured to provide a variety of health, social, and related support services in a protective setting during any part of a day but less than 24 hours.

b. "Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders" means forms of dementia characterized by a general loss of intellectual abilities of sufficient severity to interfere with social or occupational functioning.

b. e. "Care needs or behavioral problems" means ....

c. d. "Commissioner" means ....

d. e. "Department" means ....

e. f. "Grantee" means ....

f. g. "Participant" means ....

**Credits:** L.1988, c. 114, § 2, eff. Aug. 22, 1988. Amended by L.1999, c. 285, § 1, eff. Dec. 20, 1999; L.2012, c. 17, § 285, eff. June 29, 2012.

## Comment

• "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders"

A duplicative definition of the term "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been re-lettered.

# N.J.S. 26:2N-1. Definitions

For the purposes of this act:

a. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

b. "Department" means the State Department of Health.

a. e. "Health care provider" means ....

b. d. "Major adverse reaction" means ....

c. e. "Pertussis vaccine" means ....

Credits: L.1986, c. 134, § 1, eff. April 19, 1987.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been relettered.

# **N.J.S.** 26:2N-7.1. Informational literature on pertussis vaccine for adults provided to hospitals, birthing centers

\* \* \*

c. As used in this section "birthing facility" means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility licensed by the Department of Health that provides birthing and newborn care services.

Credits: L.2013, c. 275, § 1, eff. Jan. 17, 2014.

## Comment

• "Birthing facility"

A duplicative definition of the term "Birthing facility" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:2Q-2. Definitions

As used in sections 1 through 12 of P.L.1993, c. 288 (C.26:2Q-1 through C.26:2Q-12):

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

**Credits:** L.1993, c. 288, § 2, eff. June 16, 1995. Amended by L.2003, c. 311, § 17, eff. April 19, 2004; L.2012, c. 17, § 290, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

## • "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2RR-3. Definitions relative to Parkinson's disease

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Program" means ....

Credits: L.2014, c. 76, § 3, eff. June 9, 2015.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:2S-2. Definitions relative to health care quality

As used in sections 2 through 19 of this act:<sup>1</sup>

\* \* \*

"Covered person" means a person on whose behalf a carrier offering the plan is obligated to pay benefits or provide services pursuant to the health benefits plan.

\* \* \*

**Credits:** L.1997, c. 192, § 2, eff. Feb. 4, 1998. Amended by L.2005, c. 172, § 1, eff. Oct. 4, 2005; L.2012, c. 17, § 294, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Covered person"

A duplicative definition of the term "Covered person" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

N.J.S. 26:2S-10.8. Definitions relative to insurance coverage for mental health conditions and substance use disorders

a. For the purposes of this section:

"Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be consistent with generally recognized independent standards of current medical practice referenced in the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

\* \* \*

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2019, c. 58, § 11, eff. June 10, 2019.

Comment

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• "Substance use disorder"
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A duplicative definition of the term "Substance use disorder" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2S-20. Definitions relative to Managed Health Care Consumer Assistance Program

As used in this act:

\* \* \*

"Medicaid" means the Medicaid program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.)

"Medicare" means the federal Medicare program established pursuant to the federal Social Security Act, Pub.L.89-97 (42 U.S.C. s.1395 et seq.)

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2001, c. 14, § 2, eff. Jan. 29, 2001. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 302, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Medicaid" and "Medicare"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Medicaid" and "Medicare" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:2S-29. Carrier offering a health benefits plan to provide coverage, payment

a. A carrier that offers a health benefits plan in this State shall provide coverage and payment for health care services delivered to a covered person through telemedicine or telehealth....

\* \* \*

e. As used in this section:

"Carrier" means the same as that term is defined by section 2 of P.L.1997, c. 192 (C.26:2S-2).

"Covered person" means the same as that term is defined by section 2 of P.L.1997, c. 192 (C.26:2S-2).

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2017, c. 117, § 8, eff. July 21, 2017. Amended by L.2021, c. 310, § 1, eff. Dec. 21, 2021.

#### Comment

• "Covered person"

A duplicative definition of the term "Covered person" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

There is legislation pending that would affect this statute. S.B. 486, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022) proposes adding new terms to the definition section in N.J.S. 26:2S-29, as well as language governing telehealth and telemedicine insurance coverage.

# N.J.S. 26:2SS-3. Definitions relative to out-of-network health care charges

As used in this act:

\* \* \*

"Covered person" means a person on whose behalf a carrier is obligated to pay health care expense benefits or provide health care services.

\* \* \*

"Medicaid" means the State Medicaid program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

\* \* \*

"Medicare" means the federal Medicare program established pursuant to Pub.L.89-97 (42 U.S.C. s.1395 et seq.).

"Self-funded health benefits plan" or "self-funded plan" means ....

Credits: L.2018, c. 32, § 3, eff. Aug. 30, 2018.

#### Comment

• "Covered person," "Medicaid" and "Medicare"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Covered person," "Medicaid" and "Medicare" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:2T-6. Definitions relative to hepatitis C

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2001, c. 357, § 2, eff. Feb. 5, 2002. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 309, eff. June 29, 2012.

## Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:2Y-3. Definitions relative to adult family care

As used in this act:

\* \* \*

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Elder" means ....

Credits: L.2001, c. 304, § 3, eff. April 2, 2002. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 323, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:3-69.1. Definitions

As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Local board of health" shall mean a county or municipal board of health, or the board of health of any regional local or special health district, having power to regulate, by ordinance, public health or sanitation.

(1) (2) "Code" means ....

(2) (3) "Related document" means ....

(3) (4) "Printed" includes ....

Credits: L.1950, c. 188, § 1, eff. June 7, 1950.

## Comment

# • "Local board of health"

A duplicative definition of the term "Local board of health" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been re-numbered.

# N.J.S. 26:3A2-3. Definitions

As used in this act unless otherwise specifically indicated:

a. "Local health agency" means any county, regional, municipal or other governmental agency organized for the purpose of providing health services, administered by a full time health officer and conducting a public health program pursuant to law.

- a. b. "County health department" means ....
- b. e. "County board of health" means ....
- c. d. "County health advisory commission" or "commission" means ....
- d. e. "Regional health commission" means ....
- e. f. "Contracting health agency" means ....
- <u>f. g.</u> "Full-time health officer" means ....
- g. h. "Area of jurisdiction" means ....
- h. i. "Standards of Performance" means ....

# i. j. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health or his designee.

Credits: L.1975, c. 329, § 3, eff. April 1, 1976. Amended by L.1993, c. 64, § 1, eff. March 4, 1993.

#### Comment

• "Local health agency"

A duplicative definition of the term "Local health agency" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been re-lettered.

## N.J.S. 26:3A2-23. Definitions

As used in this act unless otherwise specifically indicated:

\* \* \*

*l*. "Local health agency" means a county department, or regional or municipal health agency responsible, pursuant to law, for the conduct, within its area of jurisdiction, of a public health program administered by a full-time health officer.

k. m. "Pesticides" means ....

<u>l. n.</u> "Radiation" means ....

m. o. "State statutes concerning environmental health" or "environmental health laws" means ...

Credits: L.1977, c. 443, § 3, eff. March 2, 1978. Amended by L.1991, c. 99, § 2, eff. April 15, 1991.

#### Comment

• "Local health agency"

A duplicative definition of the term "Local health agency" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1. The subsequent sections have been re-lettered.

# N.J.S. 26:4-48.2. Expedited partner therapy

\* \* \*

d. As used in this act:

\* \* \*

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Health care professional" means ....

Credits: L.2019, c. 336, § 1, eff. May 1, 2020.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:4-133. Definitions relative to Statewide automated and electronic immunization registry

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2004, c. 138, § 3, eff. Mar. 1, 2005. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 339, eff. June 29, 2012.

## Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:4C-1. Definitions relative to lactation rooms

As used in this act:

## "Department" means the Department of Health.

"Health care facility" means ...

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2019, c. 242, § 1, eff. Aug. 15, 2019.

## Comment

• *"Department"* 

A duplicative definition of the term "Department" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:5C-5. Definitions

As used in this act:

"AIDS" means ....

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.1989, c. 303, § 1, eff. Jan. 12, 1990.

## Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:5C-15. Definitions

As used in this act:

"AIDS" means acquired immune deficiency syndrome as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health Service.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

**Credits:** L.1995, c. 174, § 1, eff. Sept. 5, 1995. Amended by L.2007, c. 218, § 1, eff. June 24, 2008; L.2012, c. 17, § 342, eff. June 29, 2012.

## Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:6-1. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

"Local registrar" or "registrar" means the local registrar of vital statistics. "State registrar" means the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

\* \* \*

**Credits:** Amended by L.1965, c. 78, § 1, eff. June 1, 1965; L.2003, c. 221, § 1, eff. Jan. 9, 2004; L.2018, c. 62, § 23, eff. Sept. 1, 2018.

## Comment

• "Local registrar or registrar" and "State registrar"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Local registrar or registrar" and "State registrar" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:6-8.5. Alzheimer's disease, related disorders, listing as secondary cause of death

\* \* \*

c. As used in this section, "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders" means forms of dementia characterized by a general loss of intellectual abilities of sufficient severity to interfere with social or occupational functioning.

Credits: L.2015, c. 187, § 1, eff. Jan. 11, 2016.

#### Comment

• "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders"

A duplicative definition of the term "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:6-70. Definitions relative to anatomical gifts for educational and research use

As used in this act:

"Anatomical research recovery organization" means ....

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2008, c. 49, § 3, eff. Jan. 18, 2009. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 346, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:6-78. Definitions relative to anatomical gifts

As used in this act:

"Adult" means a person who is at least 18 years of age.

\* \* \*

"State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

\* \* \*

**Credits:** L.2008, c. 50, § 2, eff. July 22, 2008. Amended by L.2017, c. 131, § 106, eff. July 21, 2017; L.2018, c. 62, § 28, eff. Sept. 1, 2018.

#### Comment

• "Adult" and "State"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Adult" and "State" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:6B-3. Definitions relative to the "Revised State Medical Examiner Act"

As used in this act:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

"Compelling public necessity" means one or more of the following:

\* \* \*

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Friend" means ....

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2018, c. 62, § 3, eff. Sept. 1, 2018.

## Comment

• "Commissioner" and "Department"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Commissioner" and "Department" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:6C-2. Definitions relative to maternal mortality and morbidity

As used in this act:

"Committee" means the Maternal Mortality Review Committee....

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

"State registrar" means the State registrar of vital statistics, who is responsible for supervising the registration of, and maintaining, death records in the State, in accordance with the provisions of R.S.26:8-1 et seq.

Credits: L.2019, c. 75, § 2, eff. May 1, 2019.

#### Comment

• "Department" and "State registrar"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Department" and "State registrar" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:8-1. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

"Vital statistics" means statistics concerning births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships established pursuant to P.L.2003, c. 246 (C.26:8A-1 et al.).

"Vital records" means the birth, death, fetal death, marriage, civil union and domestic partnership records from which vital statistics are produced.

<u>"State registrar" means the State registrar of vital statistics; "Local registrar" or "registrar" means the local registrar of vital statistics of any district; and "rRegistration district" or "district" means a registration district as constituted by this article.</u>

\* \* \*

**Credits:** Amended by L.1965, c. 78, § 32, eff. June 1, 1965; L.2003, c. 221, § 12, eff. Jan. 9, 2004; L.2003, c. 246, § 14, eff. July 10, 2004; L.2006, c. 103, § 37, eff. Feb. 19, 2007; L.2018, c. 62, § 30, eff. Sept. 1, 2018.

#### Comment

• "Local registrar or registrar," "State registrar," "Vital records," and "Vital statistics"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Local registrar or registrar," "State registrar," "Vital records," and "Vital statistics" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:8A-3. Definitions relative to domestic partners

As used in sections 1 through 9 of P.L.2003, c. 246 (C.26:8A-1 through C.26:8A-9) and in R.S.26:8-1 et seq.:

\* \* \*

#### "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2003, c. 246, § 3, eff. July 10, 2004. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 354, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

## N.J.S. 26:12-19. Definitions relative to emergency epinephrine administration at youth camps

As used in this act:

## "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2015, c. 231, § 3, eff. Jan. 19, 2016.

## Comment

• "Commissioner"

A duplicative definition of the term "Commissioner" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:13-2. Definitions relative to emergency health powers

As used in this act:

\* \* \*

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health, or the commissioner's designee.

"Contagious disease" means an infectious disease that can be transmitted from person to person.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

\* \* \*

"Infectious disease" means a disease caused by a living organism or other pathogen, including a fungus, bacteria, parasite, protozoan, virus, or prion. An infectious disease may, or may not, be transmissible from person to person, animal to person, or insect to person.

"Isolation" means ....

"Local health agency" means a county, regional, municipal, or other governmental agency organized for the purpose of providing health services, administered by a full-time health officer and conducting a public health program pursuant to law.

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2005, c. 222, § 2, eff. Sept. 14, 2005. Amended by L.2012, c. 17, § 356, eff. June 29, 2012.

#### Comment

• "Contagious disease," "Department," "Infectious disease," and "Local health agency"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Contagious disease," "Department," "Infectious disease," and "Local health agency" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:15-2. Coverage provided for residents 18 years of age and younger; terms defined

\* \* \*

b. As used in this section:

"Medicaid" means the New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Program established pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

\* \* \*

Credits: L.2008, c. 38, § 2, eff. July 8, 2008.

#### Comment

• "Medicaid"

A duplicative definition of the term "Medicaid" is proposed for removal from the statute because a consolidated definition of the term appears in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

# N.J.S. 26:16-3. Definitions relative to medical aid in dying for the terminally ill

As used in P.L.2019, c. 59 (C.26:16-1 et al.):

"Adult" means an individual who is 18 years of age or older.

\* \* \*

"Long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c. 136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

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Credits: L.2019, c. 59, § 3, eff. Aug. 1, 2019.

## Comment

• "Adult" and "Long-term care facility"

Duplicative definitions of the terms "Adult" and "Long-term care facility" are proposed for removal from the statute because consolidated definitions of the terms appear in the modified N.J.S. 26:1A-1.

There is legislation pending which would affect this statute. A.B. 1415, 2022 Leg., 220<sup>th</sup> Sess. (N.J. 2022), proposes repealing P.L. 2019, c.59 (C.26:16-1 et al.), entitled "Medical Aid in Dying for the Terminally III Act," including N.J.S. 26:16-3.