

135P.1 Definitions.

For the purposes of [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Adverse health care incident*” means an objective and definable outcome arising from or related to patient care that results in the death or serious physical injury of a patient.
2. “*Health care provider*” means a physician licensed under [chapter 148](#), a physician assistant licensed under [chapter 148C](#), a podiatrist licensed under [chapter 149](#), or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed pursuant to [chapter 152](#) or [152E](#).
3. “*Health facility*” means an institutional health facility as defined in [section 135.61](#), hospice licensed under [chapter 135J](#), home health agency as defined in [section 144D.1](#), assisted living program certified under [chapter 231C](#), clinic, or community health center, and includes any corporation, professional corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other entity comprised of such health facilities.
4. “*Open discussion*” means all communications that are made under [section 135P.3](#), and includes all memoranda, work products, documents, and other materials that are prepared for or submitted in the course of or in connection with communications under [section 135P.3](#).
5. “*Patient*” means a person who receives medical care from a health care provider, or if the person is a minor, deceased, or incapacitated, the person’s legal representative.

[2015 Acts, ch 33, §1](#)