

**135R.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Ambulatory surgical center*” means a distinct facility that operates primarily for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization and in which the expected duration of services does not exceed twenty-four hours following an admission. “*Ambulatory surgical center*” includes a facility certified or seeking certification as an ambulatory surgical center under the federal Medicare program or under the medical assistance program established pursuant to [chapter 249A](#). “*Ambulatory surgical center*” does not include the individual or group practice office of a private physician, podiatrist, or dentist who there engages in the lawful practice of surgery, not including cosmetic, reconstructive, or plastic surgery, or the portion of a licensed hospital designated for outpatient surgical treatment.
2. “*Department*” means the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.  
[2023 Acts, ch 16, §22](#); [2023 Acts, ch 119, §20](#)