

523D.1 Definitions.

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

1. “*Commissioner*” means the commissioner of insurance or the deputy appointed under [section 502.601](#).

2. “*Continuing care*” means a continuum of supportive services, home health services, nursing services, medical services, or other health related services, furnished to a resident, regardless of whether or not the lodging and services are provided at the same location, together with housing for residents that elect to live in a facility of a provider, with or without other periodic charges, and pursuant to one or more contracts effective for the life of the resident or a period in excess of one year, including mutually cancelable contracts, and in consideration of an entrance fee.

3. “*Continuing care retirement community*” means a facility or program which provides continuing care to residents other than residents related by consanguinity or affinity to the person furnishing their care.

4. “*Entrance fee*” means an initial or deferred transfer to a provider of a sum of money or other property made or promised to be made as full or partial consideration for acceptance of a specified individual into a facility or a program if the amount exceeds either of the following:

a. Five thousand dollars.

b. The sum of the regular periodic charges for six months.

5. “*Facility*” means the place or places in which a provider undertakes to provide continuing care or senior adult congregate living services to an individual.

6. “*Living unit*” means a room, apartment, cottage, or other area within a facility set aside for the exclusive use or control of one or more identified residents.

7. “*New construction*” means construction of a new facility or the expansion of an existing facility if the expansion involves an increase in the number of living units in excess of twenty-five percent.

8. “*Program*” means an organized set of measures or activities undertaken by a provider to provide continuing care services to an individual.

9. “*Provider*” means a person undertaking through a lease or other type of agreement to provide care in or from a continuing care retirement community or senior adult congregate living facility, even if that person does not own the facility.

10. “*Resident*” means an individual, sixty years of age or older, entitled to receive care from a continuing care retirement community or a senior adult congregate living facility.

11. “*Senior adult congregate living facility*” means a facility which provides senior adult congregate living services to residents other than residents related by consanguinity or affinity to the person furnishing their care.

12. “*Senior adult congregate living services*” means housing and one or more supportive services furnished to a resident, with or without other periodic charges, in consideration of an entrance fee.

13. “*Supportive services*” includes but is not limited to one or any combination of the following services: laundry, maintenance, housekeeping, emergency nursing care, activity services, security, dining options, transportation, beauty and barber services, health care, and personal care, including personal hygiene, eating, bathing, dressing, and supervised medication administration.

[89 Acts, ch 217, §1](#); [91 Acts, ch 205, §11](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1031, §4, 5](#)

Referred to in [§231C.17](#)

Subsections 2, 3, and 4 amended

NEW subsection 8

Former subsections 8 and 9 amended and renumbered as 9 and 10

Former subsections 10 – 12 renumbered as 11 – 13