

**124E.2 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#):

1. “*Bordering state*” means the same as defined in [section 331.910](#).
2. “*Debilitating medical condition*” means any of the following:
  - a. Cancer, if the underlying condition or treatment produces one or more of the following:
    - (1) Severe or chronic pain.
    - (2) Nausea or severe vomiting.
    - (3) Cachexia or severe wasting.
  - b. Multiple sclerosis with severe and persistent muscle spasms.
  - c. Seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy.
  - d. AIDS or HIV as defined in [section 141A.1](#).
  - e. Crohn’s disease.
  - f. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
  - g. Any terminal illness, with a probable life expectancy of under one year, if the illness or its treatment produces one or more of the following:
    - (1) Severe or chronic pain.
    - (2) Nausea or severe vomiting.
    - (3) Cachexia or severe wasting.
  - h. Parkinson’s disease.
  - i. Chronic pain.
  - j. Severe, intractable autism with self-injurious or aggressive behaviors.
  - k. Post-traumatic stress disorder.
3. “*Department*” means the department of health and human services.
4. “*Disqualifying felony offense*” means a violation under federal or state law of a felony under federal or state law, which has as an element the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S.C. §802(6).
5. “*Employee*” means a natural person who is employed in this state for wages by an employer.
6. “*Employer*” means a person who in this state employs for wages an employee.
7. “*Health care practitioner*” means an individual licensed under [chapter 148](#) to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, a physician assistant licensed under [chapter 148C](#), an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under [chapter 152](#), or an advanced practice registered nurse under [chapter 152E](#), who is a patient’s primary care provider or a podiatrist licensed pursuant to [chapter 149](#).
8. “*Laboratory*” means the state hygienic laboratory or any other independent medical cannabidiol testing facility accredited to standard ISO/IEC 17025 by an international organization for standards-approved accrediting body, with a controlled substance registration certificate from the United States drug enforcement administration and a certificate of registration from the board of pharmacy. For the purposes of [this chapter](#), an independent laboratory is a laboratory operated by an entity that has no equity ownership in a medical cannabidiol manufacturer.
9. “*Marijuana*” means any derivative of marijuana including but not limited to medical cannabidiol.
10. “*Medical cannabidiol*” means any pharmaceutical grade cannabinoid found in the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* or *Cannabis indica* or any other preparation thereof that is delivered in a form recommended by the medical cannabidiol board, approved by the board of medicine, and adopted by the department pursuant to rule.
11. “*Primary caregiver*” means a person who is a resident of this state or a bordering state as defined in [section 331.910](#), including but not limited to a parent or legal guardian, at least eighteen years of age, who has been designated by a patient’s health care practitioner as a necessary caretaker taking responsibility for managing the well-being of the patient with respect to the use of medical cannabidiol pursuant to the provisions of [this chapter](#).
12. “*Total tetrahydrocannabinol*” means eighty-seven and seven-tenths percent of the amount of tetrahydrocannabinolic acid plus the amount of tetrahydrocannabinol.
13. “*Written certification*” means a document signed by a health care practitioner, with

whom the patient has established a patient-provider relationship, which states that the patient has a debilitating medical condition and identifies that condition and provides any other relevant information.

2017 Acts, ch 162, §5, 25; 2020 Acts, ch 1116, §2 – 5; 2022 Acts, ch 1021, §42; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §75

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