

**144F.1 Definitions.**

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

1. “*Aftercare assistance*” means any assistance provided by a lay caregiver to a patient following discharge of the patient that involves tasks directly related to the patient’s condition at the time of discharge, does not require a licensed professional, and is determined to be appropriate by the patient’s discharging physician or other licensed health care professional.

2. “*Discharge*” means the exit or release of a patient from inpatient care in a hospital to the residence of the patient.

3. “*Facility*” means a health care facility as defined in [section 135C.1](#), an elder group home as defined in [section 231B.1](#), or an assisted living program as defined in [section 231C.2](#).

4. “*Hospital*” means a licensed hospital as defined in [section 135B.1](#).

5. “*Lay caregiver*” means an individual, eighteen years of age or older, who is designated as a lay caregiver under [this chapter](#) by a patient or the patient’s legal representative, and who is willing and able to perform aftercare assistance for the patient at the patient’s residence following discharge.

6. “*Legal representative*” means, in order of priority, an attorney in fact under a durable power of attorney for health care pursuant to [chapter 144B](#) or, if no durable power of attorney for health care has been executed pursuant to [chapter 144B](#) or if the attorney in fact is unavailable, a legal guardian appointed pursuant to [chapter 232D](#) or [633](#).

7. “*Patient*” means an individual who is receiving or who has received inpatient medical care in a hospital.

8. “*Residence*” means the dwelling that a patient considers to be the patient’s home. “*Residence*” does not include any rehabilitation facility, hospital, or facility.

[2019 Acts, ch 18, §1](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1062, §25](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1063, §62](#)