

**148G.1 Definitions.**

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

1. “*Board*” means the board of respiratory care and polysomnography established in [chapter 147](#).

2. “*Direct supervision*” means that the respiratory care and polysomnography practitioner or the polysomnographic technologist providing supervision must be present where the polysomnographic procedure is being performed and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure.

3. “*General supervision*” means that the polysomnographic procedure is provided under a physician’s or qualified health care professional prescriber’s overall direction and control, but the physician’s or qualified health care professional prescriber’s presence is not required during the performance of the procedure.

4. “*Physician*” means a person who is currently licensed in Iowa to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery and who is board certified and who is actively involved in the sleep medicine center or laboratory.

5. “*Polysomnographic student*” means a person who is enrolled in a program approved by the board and who may provide sleep-related services under the direct supervision of a respiratory care and polysomnography practitioner or a polysomnographic technologist as a part of the person’s educational program.

6. “*Polysomnographic technician*” means a person who has graduated from a program approved by the board, but has not yet received an accepted national credential awarded from an examination program approved by the board and who may provide sleep-related services under the direct supervision of a licensed respiratory care and polysomnography practitioner or a licensed polysomnographic technologist for a period of up to thirty days following graduation while awaiting credentialing examination scheduling and results.

7. “*Polysomnographic technologist*” means a person licensed by the board to engage in the practice of polysomnography under the general supervision of a physician or a qualified health care professional prescriber.

8. “*Practice of polysomnography*” means as described in [section 148G.2](#).

9. “*Qualified health care practitioner*” means an individual who is licensed under [section 147.2](#), and who holds a credential listed on the board of registered polysomnographic technologists list of accepted allied health credentials.

10. “*Qualified health care professional prescriber*” means a physician assistant operating under the prescribing authority granted in [section 147.107](#) or an advanced registered nurse practitioner operating under the prescribing authority granted in [section 147.107](#).

11. “*Sleep-related services*” means acts performed by polysomnographic technicians, polysomnographic students, and other persons permitted to perform those services under [this chapter](#), in a setting described in [this chapter](#) that would be considered the practice of polysomnography if performed by a respiratory care and polysomnography practitioner or a polysomnographic technologist.

[2015 Acts, ch 70, §7](#)