

DESIGNATED CAREGIVER ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 85 of 2016

333.26283 Definitions.

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

(a) "After-care assistance" means assistance provided by a lay caregiver to a patient following the patient's discharge from a hospital that is related to the patient's condition at the time of discharge. After-care assistance includes, but is not limited to, 1 or more of the following:

(i) Assisting with basic activities of daily living.

(ii) Assisting with instrumental activities of daily living.

(iii) Assisting with medical or nursing tasks, including managing wound care, assisting in administering medications, or operating medical equipment.

(b) "Attending physician" means that term as defined in section 20102 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20102.

(c) "Caregiver", "designated caregiver", or "lay caregiver" means an individual 18 years of age or older designated as a caregiver by a patient under this act who voluntarily provides after-care assistance to a patient in the patient's residence. Caregiver, designated caregiver, or lay caregiver includes, but is not limited to, a relative, spouse, partner, friend, or neighbor who has a significant relationship with the patient.

(d) "Discharge" means a patient's exit or release from a hospital to the patient's residence following any medical care or treatment rendered to the patient following an inpatient admission.

(e) "Entry" means a patient's admission into a hospital for the purposes of receiving inpatient medical care.

(f) "Health care professional" means an individual licensed or otherwise authorized to practice medicine under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(g) "Hospital" means that term as defined in section 20106 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20106.

(h) "Patient advocate" means that term as described and used in section 5506 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5506.

(i) "Residence" means the dwelling that the patient considers to be his or her home. Residence does not include a rehabilitation facility, hospital, or nursing home.

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