

Index of Terms You Should Know

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This document is a quick-reference index to help you identify important regulatory terms and direct you to full legal definitions in the corresponding statute.

This document references Minnesota's Assisted Living statutes, Home Care statutes, and laws protecting vulnerable adults. Each regulatory chapter contains its own set of legally defined terms. When reviewing any chapter, begin with the Definitions section at the start, as these terms have specific meanings under the law that providers must understand and apply correctly.

This list is not a substitute for statute. Instead, it highlights commonly used terms and directs you to review their full definitions when they appear in regulation.

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Minnesota Statute Chapter 144G: Assisted Living

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Definitions from Statute: Assisted Living

Adult	Indirect ownership interest	Physician assistant
Advanced practice registered nurse	Legal representative	Prescription
Applicant	Licensed health professional	Provisional license
Assisted living contract	Licensed practical nurse	Prescriber
Assisted living director	Licensee	Registered nurse
Assisted living facility campus	Licensed resident capacity	Regularly scheduled
Assisted living facility license	Maltreatment	Reminder
Assisted living facility with dementia care	Management agreement	Repeat violation
Assisted living services	Manager	Resident
Authority having jurisdiction	Managerial official	Resident record
Authorized agent	Medication	Respiratory therapist
Change of ownership	Medication administration	Secured dementia care unit
Commissioner	Medication management	Serious injury
Controlling individual	Medication set up	Service plan
Controlled substance	Medication reconciliation	Social worker
Dementia	New construction	Speech-language pathologist
Dementia care services	Nurse	Standby assistance

Dementia-trained staff	Nutritionist	Substantial compliance
Designated representative	Occupational Therapist	Supportive services
Dietary supplement	Ombudsman	Survey
Dietician	Over-the-counter drug	Surveyor
Direct contact	Owner	Treatment or therapy
Direct ownership interest	Person-centered planning and service delivery	Unit of government
Facility	Pharmacist	Unlicensed personnel
Hands-on assistance	Physical therapist	Verbal
“I’m okay” check services	Physician	

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Minnesota Statute Chapter 144A: Nursing Homes and Home Care

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Definitions from Statute: Nursing Homes and Home Care

Board of Executives for Long-Term Services and Supports	Emergency	Nursing home
Certified	Indirect ownership interest	Nursing home administrator
Change of ownership	Licensee	Nursing care
Commissioner of health	Management agreement	Owner
Controlling person	Manager	Repeated violation
Direct ownership interest	Managerial official	Uncorrected violation

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Minnesota Statute Section 626.557: Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

Vulnerable adults are people who may need help with daily activities and may be at higher risk of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation. These definitions matter because Assisted Living and Home Care providers must follow specific rules to keep vulnerable adults safe, report concerns, and protect their rights.

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Definitions from Statute: Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

Abuse	Immediately	Mandated reporter
Accident	Inconclusive	Neglect
Caregiver	Initial disposition	Report
Common entry point	Lead investigative agency	Substantiated
Facility	Legal authority	Therapeutic conduct
False	Maltreatment	Vulnerable adult
Final disposition		

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