

Article Three - DEFINITIONS

Section 3.01 - Definitions

Words and terms used in this section shall be given the meanings set forth in this Code. For the purpose of this Code, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. Definitions not expressly prescribed herein are to be determined in accordance with customary usage in municipal planning and engineering practices. The word "shall" is always mandatory, while the word "may" is merely directory.

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265. *Medical Facilities*

a. *Convalescent, Rest or Nursing Home* - A health facility used for or customarily occupied by persons recovering from illness or suffering from infirmities of age, and furnished meals or continuing nursing care for compensation.

b. *Dental, Medical, or Chiropractic Clinic* - A facility or group of offices for one or more physicians for the examination and treatment of ill and afflicted human outpatients provided that patients are not kept overnight except under emergency conditions.

c. *Dental Office or Doctors Office* - Same as dental or medical clinic.

d. *Hospital* - An institution providing health services primarily for human inpatient medical or surgical care for the sick or injured and including related facilities such as laboratories, outpatient departments, training facilities, central services facilities, and staff offices which are an integral part of the facilities.

e. *Massage Establishment* - Any place of business in which massage therapy is practiced by a massage therapist, as defined and licensed by State law. "Massage therapy", as a health care service, means the manipulation of soft tissue by hand or through a mechanical or electrical apparatus for the purpose of body massage. The term includes effleurage (stroking), petrissage (kneading), tapotement (percussion), compression, vibration, friction, nerve strokes, and Swedish gymnastics. Massage therapy may include the use of oil, lubricant, salt glows, heat lamps, hot and cold packs, or tub, shower, jacuzzi, sauna, steam or cabinet baths. Equivalent terms for massage therapy are massage, therapeutic massage, massage technology, myo-therapy, body massage, body rub, or any derivation of those terms. Massage therapy is a health care service when the massage is for therapeutic purposes. The terms "therapy" and "therapeutic" do not include diagnosis, the treatment of illness or disease, or any service or procedure for which a

license to practice medicine, chiropractic, physical therapy, or podiatry is required by law. Massage therapy does not constitute the practice of chiropractic.

f. *Minor Emergency Care Clinic* - (also known as Urgent Care Medicine clinic) an establishment providing immediate medical service offering outpatient care for the treatment of acute and chronic illness and injury. There is some overlap in the scope of practice between minor emergency and all existing medical specialties that involve direct patient care. Because of the convenience of minor emergency centers, patients choose these facilities when they are unable to see their usual doctor in a timely fashion or choose not to go to a hospital emergency department. (aaucm.org)

g. *Nursing Home* - A home or living quarters where elderly or handicapped persons are provided with lodging, meals and nursing care.

h. *Optometrist* - A person that practices or is in the profession of examining the eyes, by means of suitable instruments or appliances, for defects in vision and eye disorders in order to prescribe corrective lenses or other appropriate treatment.

i. *Sanitarium* - An institution providing health facilities for inpatient medical treatment or treatment and recuperation making use of natural therapeutic agents.

j. *Surgical Out-patient Facility* - An establishment offering any type of surgical procedures and related care which, in the opinion of the attending physician, can be performed safely without requiring inpatient overnight hospital care and exclusive of such surgical and related care as licensed physicians ordinarily may elect to perform in their private offices.