WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-5X-1

§16-5X-1. Definitions.

For purpose of this article:

(1) "Aftercare" means any assistance provided by a designated lay caregiver to an individual under this article after the patient's discharge from a hospital. Assistance may include tasks that are limited to the patient's condition at the time of discharge that do not require a licensed professional;

(2) "Discharge" means a patient's exit or release from a hospital to the patient's residence following an inpatient stay;

(3) "Hospital" means a facility licensed pursuant to article five-b, chapter sixteen of this code and any acute care facility operated by state government;

(4) "Lay caregiver" means any individual eighteen years of age or older designated as a lay caregiver pursuant to the provisions of this article who provides aftercare assistance to a patient in the patient's residence; and

(5) "Residence" means a dwelling considered by a patient to be his or her home, not including a hospital or, a nursing home or group home, as defined by section two, article five-c, chapter sixteen of this code.

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