WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-3H-2

§30-3H-2. Definitions.

As used in this article:

"ABGC" means the American Board of Genetic Counseling, or any successor organization recognized as an equivalent organization by the board.

"ABMG" means the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics, or any successor organization recognized as an equivalent organization by the board.

"ACGC" means the Accreditation Counsel for Genetic Counseling, or any successor organization recognized as an equivalent organization by the board.

"ACS" or "Active Candidate Status" means a status conferred by ABGC upon a person who has met ABGC's requirements to take the ABGC certification examination in general genetics and genetic counseling.

"ACS permit" means a permit issued to an individual who has attained Active Candidate Status to take the ABGC certification examination in general genetics and genetic counseling which authorizes the permit holder to practice genetic counseling under the supervision of a qualified supervisor.

"ACS permittee" means a person with an ACS permit issued by the board.

"Board" means the West Virginia Board of Medicine established in §30-3-1 *et seq.* of this code.

"Genetic counseling" means the provision of services to individuals, couples, families, and organizations by one or more appropriately licensed individuals to address physical and psychological issues associated with the occurrence or risk of occurrence of a genetic disorder, birth defect, or genetically influenced condition or disease in an individual or a family.

"Genetic counseling intern" means a student enrolled in a genetic counseling program accredited by the ACGC or ABMG.

"Genetic counselor" means an individual who is licensed by the board to practice genetic counseling.

"Licensed physician" means an allopathic physician or an osteopathic physician holding a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery, or osteopathic medicine and surgery, pursuant to §30-3-1 *et seq.* of this code or §30-14-1 *et seq.* of this code.

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"Qualified supervisor" means any person who is a genetic counselor licensed pursuant to this article or a licensed physician.

"Supervision" means supervision by a qualified supervisor who has the overall responsibility of assessing the work of an ACS permittee, including regular meetings and chart review, provided that the annual supervision contract signed by the qualified supervisor and the ACS permittee is on file with both parties. Supervision does not require the qualified supervisor to be present during the performance of services by an ACS permittee.

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