

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §5-16B-2

§5-16B-2. Definitions.

As used in this article, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

"Agency" means the Children's Health Insurance Agency, a division within the Bureau for Medical Services.

"Board" means the Children's Health Insurance Program Advisory Board.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Bureau for Medical Services appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.

"Director" means the deputy commissioner within the Bureau for Medical Services who has responsibility for the operation and oversight of the Children's Health Insurance Agency.

"Essential community health service provider" means a health care provider that:

(1) Has historically served medically needy or medically indigent patients and demonstrates a commitment to serve low-income and medically indigent populations which constitute a significant portion of its patient population or, in the case of a sole community provider, serves medically indigent patients within its medical capability; and

(2) Either waives service fees or charges fees based on a sliding scale and does not restrict access or services because of a client's financial limitations. Essential community health service provider includes, but is not limited to, community mental health centers, school health clinics, primary care centers, pediatric health clinics or rural health clinics.

"Program" means the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program.