

Sc. 242.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

- (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.
- (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of aging and disability services.
- (3) "Controlling person" means a person who controls an institution or other person as described by Section 242.0021.
- (4) "Department" means the Department of Aging and Disability Services.
- (5) "Elderly person" means an individual who is 65 years of age or older.
- (5-a) "Executive commissioner" means the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.
- (6) "Facility" means an institution.
- (7) "Governmental unit" means the state or a political subdivision of the state, including a county or municipality.
- (8) "Home" means an institution.
- (9) "Hospital" has the meaning assigned by Chapter 241 (Texas Hospital Licensing Law).
- (10) "Institution" means an establishment that:
  - (A) furnishes, in one or more facilities, food and shelter to four or more persons who are unrelated to the proprietor of the establishment; and
  - (B) provides minor treatment under the direction and supervision of a physician licensed by the Texas Medical Board, or other services that meet some need beyond the basic provision of food, shelter, and laundry.
- (11) "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, joint stock company, limited partnership, limited liability company, or any other legal entity and includes a legal successor of those entities.
- (12) "Resident" means an individual, including a patient, who resides in an institution.

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Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 763 (S.B. 806), Sec. 1, eff.  
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Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1 (S.B. 219), Sec. 3.0591,  
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