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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Chapter 4@ Intermediate Care Facilities

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Article 1@ Definitions

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Section 73077@ Patient

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(a)

"Patient" means a person accommodated in an intermediate care facility who because of a physical or mental condition, or both, requires supervision and nursing care, but does not in the opinion of the attending licensed healthcare practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure have an illness, injury or disability for which continuous skilled nursing care is required.

(b)

Ambulatory Patient. "Ambulatory Patient" means a patient who is capable of demonstrating the mental competence and physical ability to leave a building without assistance or supervision of any person under emergency conditions.

(c)

Nonambulatory Patient. "Nonambulatory patient" means a patient who is unable to leave a building unassisted under emergency conditions. It includes, but is not limited to, those persons who depend upon mechanical aids such as crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs, profoundly or severely mentally retarded persons and shall include totally deaf persons.