

RCW 48.190.010 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Hospital services" means clinically related (i.e., preventive, diagnostic, curative, rehabilitative, or palliative) services provided in a hospital setting.

(2) "Property and liability risks" include the risk of property damage or loss sustained by a public benefit hospital entity and the risk of claims arising from the tortious or negligent conduct or any error or omission of the entity, its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers as a result of which a claim may be made against the entity.

(3) "Public benefit hospital entity" means any of the following:

(a) A public hospital district organized under the laws of this state or another state and any agency or instrumentality of a public hospital district including, but not limited to, a legal entity created to conduct a joint self-insurance program for public hospital districts that is operating in accordance with chapter 48.62 RCW; or

(b) A nonprofit corporation, whether organized under the laws of this state or another state, that meets the following requirements:

(i) The nonprofit corporation operates one or more hospitals each of which is licensed for three hundred sixty or fewer beds by the department of health pursuant to chapter 70.41 RCW; and

(ii) The nonprofit corporation is engaged in providing hospital services.

(4) "Self-insurance" means a formal program of advance funding and management of entity financial exposure to a risk of loss that is not transferred through the purchase of an insurance policy or contract.

(5) "State risk manager" means the risk manager of the office of risk management within the department of enterprise services. [2017 c 221 s 2.]