

### **311.690 Definitions for KRS 311.690 to 311.700.**

As used in KRS 311.690 to 311.700:

- (1) "ABGC" means the American Board of Genetic Counseling or its successor or equivalent;
- (2) "ABMG" means the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics or its successor or equivalent;
- (3) "ACGC" means the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling or its successor or equivalent;
- (4) "Active candidate status" or "ACS" means a status conferred upon a person who has met the requirements to take the ABGC certification examination in general genetics and genetic counseling and has been granted this designation by the ABGC;
- (5) "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure created in KRS 311.530;
- (6) "CEU" means a continuing education unit approved by the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC);
- (7) "Committee" means the Kentucky Genetic Counselors Advisory Committee created in KRS 311.699 under the State Board of Medical Licensure;
- (8) "Examination for licensure" means the ABGC or ABMG certification examination;
- (9) "Genetic counseling" means the provision of services by a genetic counselor to:
  - (a) Obtain and evaluate individual, family, and medical histories to determine genetic risk for genetic or medical conditions and diseases in a patient, his or her offspring, and other family members;
  - (b) Discuss the features, natural history, means of diagnosis, genetic and environmental factors, and management of risk for genetic or medical conditions and diseases;
  - (c) Identify, order, and coordinate genetic laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies as appropriate for the genetic assessment consistent with practice-based competencies provided by ACGC;
  - (d) Integrate genetic laboratory test results and other diagnostic studies with personal and family medical history to assess and communicate risk factors for genetic or medical conditions and diseases;
  - (e) Explain the clinical implications of genetic laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies and their results;
  - (f) Evaluate the client's or family's responses to the condition or risk of recurrence and provide client-centered counseling and anticipatory guidance;
  - (g) Identify and utilize community resources that provide medical, educational, financial, and psychosocial support and advocacy; or
  - (h) Provide written documentation of medical, genetic, and counseling information for families and health care professionals;
- (10) "Genetic counseling intern" means a student enrolled in a genetic counseling program accredited by the ACGC or ABMG;

- (11) "Genetic counselor" means an individual licensed by the board to engage in the competent practice of genetic counseling;
- (12) "NSGC" means the National Society of Genetic Counselors or its successor or equivalent;
- (13) "Qualified supervisor" means any person licensed as a genetic counselor under KRS 311.690 to 311.700 or a licensed physician; and
- (14) "Supervision" means the overall responsibility of a qualified supervisor to assess the work of the genetic counselor with a temporary license, including regular meetings and chart review, if an annual supervision contract signed by the supervisor and the temporarily licensed genetic counselor is on file with both parties. The supervisor's presence shall not be required during the performance of the service.

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