

WAC 246-933-010 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Unless stated, words used in the singular may be read in the plural.

(1) "Advertise" means to announce publicly by any form of media in order to aid directly or indirectly in the sale of a commodity or service.

(2) "Animal" means any species normally recognized as treatable by veterinary medicine.

(3) "Controlled substances" as defined in RCW 69.50.101.

(4) "Department" means the department of health.

(5) "Drugs" as defined in RCW 69.50.101.

(6) "Health certificate" means a document prepared pursuant to law and which attests to the fact that an animal is in a certain state of health.

(7) "Patient" means any animal under the care and treatment of a veterinarian.

(8) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health.

NEW SECTION: (9) "Teleadvice" means the provision of any health information, opinion, guidance, or recommendation concerning prudent future actions that are not specific to a particular patient's health, illness or injury. This is general advice that is not intended to diagnose, prognose, treat, correct, change, alleviate, or prevent animal disease, illness, pain, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical, dental, or mental conditions.

(10) "Telehealth" means the overarching term that encompasses all uses of technology geared to remotely deliver health information or education. Telehealth encompasses a broad variety of technologies and tactics to deliver virtual medical, health, and education services. Telehealth is not a specific service, but a collection of tools which allow veterinarians to enhance care and education delivery. Telehealth encompasses both telemedicine and general advice.

(11) "Telemedicine" means remote delivery of healthcare services, such as health assessments or consultations, over the telecommunications infrastructure. It allows veterinarians to

evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients without the need for an in-person visit.

(12) "Telerriage" means the provision of emergency animal care advice, recommendations, or treatment in response to immediate, potentially life-threatening animal health situations (e.g. poison exposure mitigation, animal CPR instructions, immediate response to acute life-threatening trauma). A diagnosis is not rendered.

~~(139)~~ "Veterinary board of governors" is that board appointed by the governor pursuant to chapter 18.92 RCW. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.92.030. WSR 93-08-029 (Order 353B), § 246-933-010, filed 3/30/93, effective 4/30/93; WSR 91-24-098 (Order 221B), § 246-933-010, filed 12/4/91, effective 1/4/92; WSR 91-02-060 (Order 108B), recodified as § 246-933-010, filed 12/28/90, effective 1/31/91; Order PL 179, § 308-150-005, filed 11/27/74.]