

## 12 AAC 42.990. Definitions

In [AS 08.45](#) and in this chapter,

(1) "dietetics" includes the use of nutritional therapies, nutritional counseling, nutritional substances, vitamins, minerals, and supplements to promote health and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and conditions;

(2) "division" means the division of occupational licensing in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development;

**(3) "herbal remedy" includes medicines derived from or a concentrate or extract of a plant, tree, root, moss, fungus, or other natural substance; "herbal remedy" does not include a controlled substance;**

(4) "homeopathic remedy" means a remedy defined in the *Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States* (December 1993 revision);

(5) "hydrotherapy" means the use of water in all forms and temperatures to promote health and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and conditions;

(6) "NPLEX" means the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination;

(7) "poison" means a substance given in a manner that has a likelihood of causing physical injury or death;

**(8) "prescription drug" includes a controlled substance or other medicine commonly requiring a written prescription from a physician licensed under AS 08.64; "prescription drug" does not include a device or herbal or homeopathic remedy or dietetic substance in a form that is not a controlled substance;**

(9) "sanitation" means the use of an antiseptic, disinfectant, bactericide, pediculicide, virucide, soap, detergent, and light to promote health and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and conditions;

(10) "suggestion" means the use of education, counseling, teaching, meditation, and assessment to promote health of mind and body and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and conditions;

(11) "surgery" means the use of a scalpel, sharp cutting instrument, laser, electrical current, or other device to incise or remove living tissue; "surgery" does not include venipuncture or the removal of foreign objects from external tissue.

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As of Register 171 (October 2004), the regulations attorney made technical revisions under [AS 44.62.125](#) (b)(6) to reflect the name change of the Department of Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development made by ch. 47, SLA 2004 and the corresponding title change of the commissioner of community and economic development.