**Section 148.600 Definitions**

"Department" means the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

"Dialysis Facility" means a facility that provides dialysis treatments, such as in-facility and home dialysis, and is certified by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a Medicare-approved dialysis facility.

"Dialysis Treatment" means the filtering of blood in order to remove liquid and unwanted material so that fluid, electrolyte and acid-base balance in the blood can be maintained.

"End Stage Renal Disease" means the level of renal impairment that is irreversible and permanent, results in the kidneys losing their ability to filter blood and excrete urine, and requires a regular course of dialysis or kidney transplantation to maintain life.

"Patient" means an eligible person whose kidneys are non-functioning or absent and who requires dialysis treatment to maintain life.

"Program" means the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services State Chronic Renal Disease Program.

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