

**§2891. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2003, c. 513, Pt. H, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Hospital.** "Hospital" means an acute care health care facility with permanent inpatient beds planned, organized, operated and maintained to offer for a continuing period of time facilities and services for the diagnosis and treatment of illness, injury and deformity; with a governing board and an organized medical staff offering continuous 24-hour professional nursing care; with a plan to provide emergency treatment 24 hours a day and including other services as defined in rules of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to licensure of general and specialty hospitals; and that is licensed under Title 22, chapter 405 as a general hospital, specialty hospital or critical access hospital. For purposes of this chapter, "hospital" does not include a nursing home or a publicly owned specialty hospital or, for state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2008, municipally funded hospitals. [PL 2007, c. 545, §4 (AMD).]

**1-A. Municipally funded hospital.** "Municipally funded hospital" means Cary Medical Center in Caribou. [PL 2021, c. 253, Pt. B, §5 (AMD).]

**2. Net operating revenue.** "Net operating revenue" means gross charges of facilities less any deducted amounts for charity care and payer discounts. [PL 2003, c. 688, Pt. L, §1 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 688, Pt. L, §2 (AFF).]

**3. Publicly owned specialty hospital.** "Publicly owned specialty hospital" means a publicly owned hospital that is primarily engaged in providing psychiatric services for the diagnosis, treatment and care of persons with mental illness and that is licensed as a specialty hospital by the Department of Health and Human Services. [PL 2007, c. 438, §61 (AMD).]

**4. Tax year.**  
[PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. ZZ, §1 (RP).]

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