

Chapter Gen Couns 1

AUTHORITY, ADOPTION OF STANDARDS, AND DEFINITIONS

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**Gen Couns 1.01 Authority.** The rules in chs. Gen Couns 1 to 4 are adopted by the board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.085 (5) (b), 448.9703, and 448.9705 (1), Stats.

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**Gen Couns 1.02 Adoption of standards.** (1) The National Society of Genetic Counselors code of ethics, issued in April 2017, is incorporated by reference into chs. Gen Couns 1 to 4.

**Note:** Copies of the above standards are on file in the office of the department and the legislative reference bureau. A copy of the National Society of Genetic Counselors code of ethics can be retrieved from: <https://nsgc.org>.

(2) Pursuant to s. 448.9707 (2) (h), Stats., failure to comply with the National Society of Genetic Counselors code of ethics may result in discipline by the board.

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**Gen Couns 1.03 Definitions.** As used in chs. Gen Couns 1 to 4:

(1) “Board” means the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board.

(2) “Consulting services” means services provided to a patient on a temporary basis by an unlicensed person or person who is licensed in another state or country in consultation with a Wisconsin licensed genetic counselor or physician.

(3) “Department” means the department of safety and professional services.

(4) “Genetic counseling” has the meaning given in s. 448.970 (3), Stats.

(5) “Genetic counselor” means an individual who is licensed by the board to practice genetic counseling.

(6) “Temporary basis” means 3 months from the date notification is submitted to the board. After those 3 months, regular licensure is required.

**Note:** The definition above does not apply to those individuals who hold a temporary license under s. 448.9705, Stats.

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