

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.5401 "Chronic disease" defined; general definitions and principles of construction.**

Sec. 5401.

(1) As used in this part, "chronic disease" includes an impairment or deviation from normal having 1 or more of the following characteristics:

- (a) It is permanent.
- (b) It leaves residual disability.
- (c) It is caused by nonreversible pathological alterations.
- (d) It requires special training of the patient for rehabilitation.
- (e) It may be expected to require a long period of supervision, observation, or care.

(2) In addition, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code and part 51 contains definitions applicable to this part.

**History:** 1978, Act 368, Eff. Sept. 30, 1978

**Compiler's Notes:** For transfer of certain powers and duties of the center for health promotion and chronic disease prevention from the department of public health to the director of the department community health, see E.R.O. No. 1996-1, compiled at MCL 330.3101 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**Popular Name:** Act 368