

Standard of Care

Treatment that is accepted by medical experts as a proper treatment for a certain type of disease and that is widely used by health care professionals. Also called best practice, standard medical care, and standard therapy.

<https://www.cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries/cancer-terms/def/standard-of-care>

W. Va. Code § 55-7B-3.

The Standard of Care is defined by West Virginia law as “that degree of care, skill and learning required or expected of a reasonable, prudent health care provider in the profession or class to which the health care provider belongs acting in the same or similar circumstances.”

It is defined as one of the elements of proof for a professional liability claim in W. Va. Code § 55-7B-3.