

**225C.23 Brain injury recognized as disability.**

1. The department of human services, the Iowa department of public health, the department of education and its divisions of special education and vocational rehabilitation services, the department of human rights and its division for persons with disabilities, the department for the blind, and all other state agencies which serve persons with brain injuries, shall recognize brain injury as a distinct disability and shall identify those persons with brain injuries among the persons served by the state agency.

2. For the purposes of [this section](#) and [section 135.22A](#),\* “*brain injury*” means the occurrence of injury to the head not primarily related to a degenerative disease or aging process that is documented in a medical record with one or more of the following conditions attributed to the head injury:

- a. An observed or self-reported decreased level of consciousness.
- b. Amnesia.
- c. A skull fracture.
- d. An objective neurological or neuropsychological abnormality.
- e. A diagnosed intracranial lesion.

88 Acts, ch 1219, §2; 94 Acts, ch 1068, §7; 94 Acts, ch 1109, §3; 99 Acts, ch 141, §30

\*Section 135.22A refers to “brain injury” definition in §135.22