147A.21 Definitions.
As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
1. “Categorization” means a preliminary determination by the department that a hospital
or emergency care facility is capable of providing trauma care in accordance with criteria
adopted pursuant to chapter 17A for level I, II, III, and IV care capabilities.
2. “Department” means the Iowa department of public health.
3. “Director” means the director of public health.
4. “Emergency care facility” means a physician’s office, clinic, or other health care center
which provides emergency medical care in conjunction with other primary care services.
5. “Hospital” means a facility licensed under chapter 135B, or a comparable emergency
care facility located and licensed in another state.
6. “Trauma” means a single or multisystem life-threatening or limb-threatening injury, or
an injury requiring immediate medical or surgical intervention or treatment to prevent death
or permanent disability.
7. “Trauma care facility” means a hospital or emergency care facility which provides
trauma care and has been verified by the department as having level I, II, III, or IV care
capabilities and issued a certificate of verification pursuant to section 147A.23, subsection 2,
paragraph “c”.
8. “Trauma care system” means an organized approach to providing personnel, facilities,
and equipment for effective and coordinated trauma care.
9. “Verification” means a formal process by which the department certifies a hospital
or emergency care facility’s capacity to provide trauma care in accordance with criteria
established for level I, II, III, and IV trauma care facilities.

95 Acts, ch 40, §2