

**252C.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Administrator*” means the administrator of the child support recovery unit of the department of human services, or the administrator’s designee.

2. “*Caretaker*” means a parent, relative, guardian, or another person who is responsible for paying foster care costs pursuant to [chapter 234](#) or whose needs are included in an assistance payment made pursuant to [chapter 239B](#).

3. “*Court order*” means a judgment or order requiring the payment of a set or determinable amount of monetary support. For orders entered on or after July 1, 1990, unless the court specifically orders otherwise, medical support, as defined in [section 252E.1](#), is not included in the amount of monetary support.

4. “*Department*” means the department of human services.

5. “*Dependent child*” means a person who meets the eligibility criteria established in [chapter 234](#) or [239B](#) and whose support is required by [chapter 234](#), [239B](#), [252A](#), [252F](#), [598](#), or [600B](#).

6. “*Medical support*” means either the provision of coverage under a health benefit plan, including a group or employment-related or an individual health benefit plan, or a health benefit plan provided pursuant to [chapter 514E](#), to meet the medical needs of a dependent and the cost of any premium required by a health benefit plan, or the payment to the obligee of a monetary amount in lieu of providing coverage under a health benefit plan, either of which is an obligation separate from any monetary amount of child support ordered to be paid. Medical support which consists of payment of a monetary amount in lieu of a health benefit plan is also an obligation separate from any monetary amount a parent is ordered to pay for uncovered medical expenses pursuant to the guidelines established pursuant to [section 598.21B](#).

7. “*Public assistance*” means foster care costs paid by the department pursuant to [chapter 234](#) or assistance provided pursuant to [chapter 239B](#).

8. “*Responsible person*” means a parent, relative, guardian, or another person legally liable for the support of a child or a child’s caretaker.

[84 Acts, ch 1278, §1](#); [90 Acts, ch 1224, §14, 15](#); [93 Acts, ch 79, §44](#); [97 Acts, ch 41, §32](#); [2007 Acts, ch 218, §158, 187](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1019, §18, 20](#); [2015 Acts, ch 110, §89](#)

Referred to in [§252H.2, §598.21G](#)

For transition provisions applicable to existing child support recovery unit rules, procedures, definitions, and requirements, and for nullification of 441 IAC rule 98.3, see [2007 Acts, ch 218, §186](#)