

252C.1 Definitions.

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

1. “*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](#).
2. “*Child support services*” means child support services created in [section 252B.2](#).
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 health and 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. “*Director*” means the director of health and human services.
7. “*Medical support*” means medical support as defined in [section 252E.1](#).
8. “*Public assistance*” means foster care costs paid by the department pursuant to [chapter 234](#) or assistance provided pursuant to [chapter 239B](#).
9. “*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](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1111, §1, 10](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §872](#)

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