

252D.16 Definitions.

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

1. “*Child support services*” means the same as child support services created in [section 252B.2](#).

2. “*Department*” means the department of health and human services.

3. “*Income*” means all of the following:

a. Any periodic form of payment due an individual, regardless of source, including but not limited to wages, salaries, commissions, bonuses, workers’ compensation, disability payments, payments pursuant to a pension or retirement program, and interest.

b. A sole payment or lump sum as provided in [section 252D.18C](#), including but not limited to payment from an estate including inheritance, or payment for personal injury or property damage.

c. Irregular income as defined in [section 252D.18B](#).

4. “*Payor of income*” or “*payor*” means and includes but is not limited to an obligor’s employer, trustee, the state of Iowa and all governmental subdivisions and agencies, and any other person from whom an obligor receives income.

5. “*Support*” or “*support payments*” means any amount which the court or administrative agency may require a person to pay for the benefit of a child under a temporary order or a final judgment or decree entered under [chapter 232](#), [234](#), [252A](#), [252C](#), [252F](#), [252H](#), [598](#), [600B](#), or any other comparable chapter, and may include child support, maintenance, medical support as defined in [chapter 252E](#), spousal support, and any other term used to describe these obligations. These obligations may include support for a child of any age who is dependent on the parties to the dissolution proceedings because of physical or mental disability. The obligations may include support for a child eighteen or more years of age with respect to whom a child support order has been issued pursuant to the laws of another state or foreign country. These obligations shall not include amounts for a postsecondary education subsidy as defined in [section 598.1](#).

[97 Acts, ch 175, §60](#); [2005 Acts, ch 112, §10](#); [2015 Acts, ch 110, §93](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §882](#); [2023 Acts, ch 64, §36](#); [2023 Acts, ch 119, §23](#); [2025 Acts, ch 30, §51](#)

Referred to in [§8.89](#), [84A.5](#), [252B.1](#), [252B.13A](#), [252B.14](#), [252B.24](#), [252D.1](#), [252D.16A](#), [252I.1](#), [252J.1](#), [627.11](#), [627.12](#)

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