481—90.1(10A) Definitions. The following definitions apply:

"Active case" means a household that is receiving public assistance.

"Allotment reduction" means an amount withheld from a financial or SNAP benefit.

"Benefit reduction" refers to SNAP.

"Debt" means the dollar amount of public assistance, by program, received by or on behalf of a person or provider in excess of that allowed by law, rules, or regulations for any given month(s); or the dollar amount of public assistance unlawfully transferred or obtained in violation of program rules; or the dollar amount of unpaid IowaCare personal financial responsibility obligations.

"Debtor" means any person who has been determined by HHS or by the department to be responsible for the repayment of a particular public assistance debt.

"Department" means the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

"Economic fraud bureau" means the economic fraud bureau of the investigations division of the department.

"FIP" means the family investment program described in 441—Chapters 40, 41, 45 and 46.

"Grant reduction" refers to the FIP and to RCA.

"HHS" means the Iowa department of health and human services.

"Notice of debt" means a notice that informs the debtor that a debt in a public assistance program has occurred and identifies the debt amount, the dates on which the debt was incurred, the cause of the debt, and the options the debtor has to repay the debt (more information can be found in 441—Chapter 11).

"Public assistance" means any program that HHS administers that confers a financial, medical, or SNAP benefit.

"RCA" means refugee cash assistance as described in 441—Chapter 60.

"Recovery" means the repayment of a debt by direct cash or credit card payment from the debtor, by allotment reduction, by setoffs, or by garnishment of wages or assets.

"Repayment agreement" means the same as defined in rule 441—11.1(217).

"Setoffs" means the practice described in Iowa Code section 421.65 and 701—Chapter 26.

"SNAP" means the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as defined in rule 441—65.1(234).

"Title XIX divestiture" means a debt against a person who receives transferred assets from a Medicaid applicant or recipient within five years prior to an application for medical assistance if the applicant is approved for medical assistance (Medicaid) or a transfer impacting the recovery or payment of a medical assistance (Medicaid) debt.

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