

641—150.2(135,77GA,ch1221) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Categorization*” means a preliminary determination by the department that a hospital is capable of providing perinatal care at Level I, Level II, Level II regional, Level II regional neonatology center, or Level III care capabilities.

“*Certificate of verification*” means a document awarded by the department that identifies a hospital’s level of perinatal care and term of verification at that level.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.

“*Director*” means the director of the Iowa department of public health.

“*Hospital*” means a facility licensed under Iowa Code chapter 135B or a comparable facility located and licensed in another state.

“*On-site verification survey*” means an on-site survey conducted by the department’s statewide perinatal care program based at the University of Iowa hospitals and clinics to assess a hospital’s ability to meet the level of designation selected by the hospital.

“*Perinatal advisory committee*” means the committee that provides review and counsel to the statewide perinatal care program based at the University of Iowa hospitals and clinics.

“*Perinatal guidelines advisory committee*” means the committee that provides consultation to the department regarding these rules for the regionalized system of perinatal health care.

“*Regionalized system of perinatal health care*” means the department’s program for the provision of appropriate perinatal care as close to patients’ homes as possible.

“*Respiratory distress*” means tachypnea (respiratory rate of 60 or more per minute), grunting, tugging, retracting, nasal flaring, or cyanosis. Any or all of these may constitute respiratory distress.

“*Statewide perinatal health care program*” means the educational team based at the University of Iowa hospitals and clinics and retained by the department of public health.

“*Verification*” means a process by which the department certifies a hospital’s capacity to provide perinatal care in accordance with criteria established for Level I hospitals, Level II hospitals, Level II regional centers, Level II regional neonatology centers, and Level III centers under these rules.