

**441—83.21 (249A) Definitions.**

*“Attorney in fact under a durable power of attorney for health care”* means an individual who is designated by a durable power of attorney for health care, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 144B, as an agent to make health care decisions on behalf of an individual and who has consented to act in that capacity.

*“Basic individual respite”* means respite provided on a staff-to-consumer ratio of one to one or higher to individuals without specialized needs requiring the care of a licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

*“Client participation”* means the amount of the recipient income that the person must contribute to the cost of elderly waiver services exclusive of medical vendor payments before Medicaid will participate.

*“Group respite”* is respite provided on a staff-to-consumer ratio of less than one to one.

*“Guardian”* means a guardian appointed in probate court.

*“Interdisciplinary team”* means a collection of persons with varied professional backgrounds who develop one plan of care to meet a client’s need for services.

*“Managed care organization”* means an entity that (1) is under contract with the department to provide services to Medicaid recipients and (2) meets the definition of “health maintenance organization” as defined in Iowa Code section 514B.1.

*“Medical institution”* means a nursing facility which has been approved as a Medicaid vendor.

*“Nursing facility level of care”* means that the following conditions are met:

1. The presence of a physical or mental impairment which restricts the member’s daily ability to perform the essential activities of daily living, bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene, and impedes the member’s capacity to live independently.
2. The member’s physical or mental impairment is such that self-execution of required nursing care is improbable or impossible.

*“Service plan”* means a written consumer-centered, outcome-based plan of services developed using an interdisciplinary process, which addresses all relevant services and supports being provided. It may involve more than one provider.

*“Skilled nursing facility level of care”* means that the following conditions are met:

1. The member’s medical condition requires skilled nursing services or skilled rehabilitation services as defined in 42 CFR 409.31(a), 409.32, and 409.34.
2. Services are provided in accordance with the general provisions for all Medicaid providers and services as described in rule 441—79.9(249A).
3. Documentation submitted for review indicates that the member has:

- a. A physician order for all skilled services.
- b. Services that require the skills of medical personnel, including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, or audiologists.
- c. An individualized care plan that identifies support needs.
- d. Confirmation that skilled services are provided to the member.
- e. Skilled services that are provided by, or under the supervision of, medical personnel as described above.
- f. Skilled nursing services that are needed and provided seven days a week or skilled rehabilitation services that are needed and provided at least five days a week.

*“Specialized respite”* means respite provided on a staff-to-consumer ratio of one to one or higher to individuals with specialized medical needs requiring the care, monitoring or supervision of a licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

*“Third-party payments”* means payments from an individual, institution, corporation, or public or private agency which is liable to pay part or all of the medical costs incurred as a result of injury, disease or disability by or on behalf of an applicant or a past or present recipient of medical assistance.

*“Usual caregiver”* means a person or persons who reside with the consumer and are available on a 24-hour-per-day basis to assume responsibility for the care of the consumer.

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