

**641—135.1(147A) Definitions.** For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

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

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

“*Intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocol*” means written directives to assist in the decision making, approved by the department and followed by trauma care facility personnel, for the transfer of trauma patients to an appropriate trauma care facility.

“*Out-of-hospital triage and transfer destination decision protocol*” means written directives to assist in the decision making, established and approved by the department, that address the method of transport and trauma care facility destination to be followed by the service program.

“*SEQIC*” means system evaluation quality improvement committee.

“*Service program*” or “*service*” means any medical care ambulance service or nontransport service that has received authorization by the department.

“*System evaluation quality improvement committee*” means the committee established by the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 147A.25 to develop, implement, and conduct trauma care system evaluation, quality assessment, and quality improvement.

“*Transfer*” means the process of a patient being transferred from the scene of an injury to a trauma care facility or from one trauma care facility to another.

“*Trauma care facility*” means a hospital or emergency care facility which provides trauma care and has been verified by the department as having Resource (Level I), Regional (Level II), Area (Level III) or Community (Level IV) care capabilities and has been issued a certificate of verification pursuant to Iowa Code section 147A.23, subsection 2, paragraph “c.”

“*Trauma system advisory council*” means an advisory council established pursuant to Iowa Code section 147A.24 to advise the department on issues and strategies to achieve optimal trauma care delivery throughout the state.

“*Trauma triage and transfer*” means to determine trauma care facility destination and mode of transportation.

“*TSAC*” means trauma system advisory council.