

481—55.1(89GA, HF2521) Definitions. The definitions set forth in Iowa Code section 135Q.1 as enacted by 2022 Iowa Acts, House File 2521, are incorporated herein by reference. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms apply:

“Direct services” includes services performed by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nurse aides, certified medication aides, and medication managers. “Direct services” does not include the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery by an individual licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148 or 148C or the practice of nursing by an advanced registered nurse practitioner or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Iowa Code chapter 152 or 152E. For purposes of this chapter, janitorial, housekeeping, laundry, and meal preparation services are not considered direct services.

“Health care employment agency” does not include a recruitment firm that contracts with a health care entity to identify and screen potential candidates for hire and does not provide agency workers for temporary, temporary-to-hire, direct hire, or other contract or employee placements in this state. “Health care employment agency” does not include a group of physical therapists licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148A, occupational therapists licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148B, or speech pathologists or audiologists licensed under Iowa Code chapter 154F providing services to a health care entity.

“Health care entity” includes, but is not limited to, any entities licensed or certified pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 135B (hospitals), 135C (health care facilities), 135G (subacute mental health care facilities), 135H (psychiatric medical institutions for children), 135J (licensed hospice programs), 231C (assisted living programs), and 231D (adult day services) or any ambulatory surgical center, home health agency, hospice, end-stage renal disease center, rural health clinic, or federally qualified health care center certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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