

641—100.1(144) Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, the definitions in 641—Chapter 95 shall apply. In addition, the following definitions shall apply solely to this chapter:

“*Abortion*” means the termination of a human pregnancy with the intent other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus.

“*Adult*,” when used in reference to the mutual consent voluntary adoption registry, means an individual who has reached the age of 18 years at the time application is made.

“*Aggregate form*” means a compilation of the information received by the department on the Statistical Report of Termination of Pregnancy form for each item listed, with the exception of the report tracking number, the health care provider code, and any set of data for which the number is so small that the confidentiality of any person to whom the information relates may be compromised.

“*Attempt to perform an abortion*” means an act, or an omission of a statutorily required act, that, under the circumstances as the actor believes them to be, constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the performing of an abortion.

“*Child*,” when used in reference to the declaration of paternity registry, means a person under 18 years of age for whom paternity has not been established.

“*Court*” means the juvenile court when used in reference to the declaration of paternity registry.

“*Father*” means the male, biological parent of a child when used in reference to the declaration of paternity registry.

“*Fertilization*” means the fusion of a human spermatozoon with a human ovum.

“*Health care provider*” means an individual licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148, 148C, 148D, or 152, or any individual who provides medical services under the authorization of the licensee.

“*Inducing a termination of pregnancy*” means the use of any means to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant with the intent other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus. “*Inducing a termination of pregnancy*” includes abortion.

“*Major bodily function*” includes but is not limited to functions of the immune system, normal cell growth, and digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions.

“*Medical emergency*” means a situation in which an abortion is performed to preserve the life of the pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy, or when continuation of the pregnancy will create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman.

“*Medical facility*” means any public or private hospital, clinic, center, medical school, medical training institution, health care facility, physician’s office, infirmary, dispensary, ambulatory surgical center, or other institution or location where medical care is provided to any person.

“*Perform*,” “*performed*,” or “*performing*,” relative to an abortion, means the use of any means, including medical or surgical, to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant with the intent other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus.

“*Physician*” means a person licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148.

“*Postfertilization age*” means the age of the unborn child as calculated from fertilization.

“*Probable postfertilization age*” means what, in reasonable medical judgment, will with reasonable probability be the postfertilization age of the unborn child at the time the abortion is to be performed.

“*Reasonable medical judgment*” means a medical judgment made by a reasonably prudent physician who is knowledgeable about the case and the treatment possibilities with respect to the medical conditions involved.

“*Registrant*,” when used in reference to the declaration of paternity registry, means a person who has registered and claims to be the father of a child.

“*Registry*” means the declaration of paternity registry or the mutual consent voluntary adoption registry.

“*Sibling*” means one of two or more persons who are born of the same parents or, sometimes, who have at least one parent in common. “*Sibling*” also means brother or sister when used in reference to the mutual consent voluntary adoption registry.

“Spontaneous termination of pregnancy” means the occurrence of an unintended termination of pregnancy at any time during the period from conception to 20 weeks gestation and which is not a spontaneous termination of pregnancy at any time during the period from 20 weeks or greater which is reported to the department as a fetal death under Iowa Code chapter 144.

“Unborn child” means an individual organism of the species *Homo sapiens* from fertilization until live birth.

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