

**641—52.2(135) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

“*Advanced registered nurse practitioner*” or “*ARNP*” means a person licensed to practice under rule 655—7.1(152).

“*Autorefractor*” means a method of vision screening involving skiascopy methods or wave-front technology to evaluate the refractive error of each eye. Depending on the autorefractor being used, this method allows for immediate results interpreted by the operator or the instrument as a pass or fail.

“*Child vision screening workgroup*” means a group of eye health professionals in the state of Iowa established by the director and comprised of licensed ophthalmologists, licensed optometrists, representatives or designees of leading vision organizations, and other stakeholders as determined by the director.

“*Community-based organization*” means a public or private nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that is representative of a community or significant segments of a community and that provides educational or related services to individuals in the community that include utilizing approved age-appropriate, acceptable child vision screening tests approved by the department.

“*Comprehensive eye examination*” means a clinical diagnostic assessment performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist to assess a person’s level of vision and to detect any abnormality or diseases.

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

“*Elementary school*” means an Iowa public or accredited nonpublic school that a kindergarten or third grade student would attend.

“*Iowa KidSight*” means a joint project of the Lions Clubs of Iowa and the University of Iowa, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, dedicated to enhancing the early detection and treatment of vision impairments in Iowa’s young children (target population six months of age through kindergarten age) through screening and public education.

“*IRIS*” means the immunization registry information system as established in 641—Chapter 7.

“*Online vision screening*” means a vision screening test administered from the Internet to a child to assess vision and includes vision test results and recommendations.

“*Ophthalmologist*” means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148 and board-certified in ophthalmology as a specialist in medical and surgical eye problems.

“*Optometrist*” means a person licensed to practice optometry pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 154.

“*Photoscreening*” means a method of vision screening employing an automated technique that uses the red reflex of the eye to screen for eye problems and produces immediate readable results and a timely report of the results thereafter.

“*Physician*” means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148.

“*Physician assistant*” means a person licensed to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148C.

“*Potential vision impairment*” means that a child’s vision appears to be compromised and there is reason for the child to be seen by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

“*Prevent Blindness Iowa*” means the nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight through vision screening, advocacy, education, community service, training and research.

“*Student vision card*” means a card distributed by the Iowa Optometric Association to all schools in Iowa pursuant to Iowa Code section 280.7A. The student vision card recommends children receive a complete eye health examination.

“*Vision screening*” means an eye testing program that is age- and developmentally appropriate and that assesses visual acuity or other risk factors contributing to refractive errors and other conditions.

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