

265—24.1(16) Definitions.

“Applicant” means a person aged 18 or over who participates in one of the home- and community-based services waiver programs, habilitation services, or Money Follows the Person.

“Authority” means the Iowa finance authority created in Iowa Code section 16.1A.

“Habilitation services” means an Iowa Medicaid program designed to provide home- and community-based services to Iowans with the functional impairments typically associated with chronic mental illnesses.

“Home- and community-based services waiver program” means any of the waiver programs administered by the department of health and human services under the provisions set forth in 441—Chapter 83, the habilitation services waiver, or Money Follows the Person.

“Housing Choice Voucher program” or *“HCV program”* means the federal government’s program created in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. Ch. 69, §5301 et seq. (1974).

“HUD” means the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“Legal guardian” means a person lawfully invested with the power, and charged with the obligation, of taking care of and managing the property and rights of a recipient who, because of age, understanding, or self-control, is considered incapable of administering the recipient’s own affairs.

“Money Follows the Person” or *“MFP”* means Iowa’s Money Follows the Person partnership for community integration program.

“Program” means the home- and community-based rent subsidy program as defined and structured under this chapter.

“Qualified dependent” means the applicant’s child who is claimed as a dependent of the applicant for federal income tax purposes.

“Qualified rental unit” means a housing unit subject to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 562A and for which a signed written rental agreement exists.

“Recipient” means an applicant approved for and receiving rent subsidy payments under the program.

“Representative payee” means a person who is appointed for a recipient unable to receive and manage the recipient’s own benefits due to mental or physical impairments. The representative payee is to use the benefits in the recipient’s best interest and is personally liable for misuse of funds.

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