

441—95.1(252B) Definitions.

“*Caretaker*” means a custodial parent, relative, or guardian whose needs are included in an assistance grant paid according to Iowa Code chapter 239B, who is receiving this assistance on behalf of a dependent child, or who is a recipient of nonassistance child support services.

“*Current support*” means those payments received in the amount, manner, and frequency as specified by an order for support and that are paid to the clerk of the district court, the public agency designated as the distributor of support payments as in interstate cases, or another designated agency. Payments to persons other than the clerk of the district court or other designated agency do not satisfy the definition of support pursuant to Iowa Code section 598.22.

“*Date of collection*” means the date that a support payment is received by the department or the legal entity of any state or political subdivision actually making the collection, or the date that a support payment is withheld from the income of a responsible person by an employer or other income provider, whichever is earlier.

“*Dependent child*” means a person who meets the eligibility criteria established in Iowa Code chapter 234 or 239B, and whose support is required by Iowa Code chapter 234, 239B, 252A, 252C, 252F, 252H, 252K, 598 or 600B, and any other comparable chapter.

“*Obligee*” means any person or entity entitled to child support or medical support for a child.

“*Obligor*” means a parent, relative, or guardian or any other designated person who is legally liable for the support of a child or a child’s caretaker.

“*Prepayment*” means payment toward an ongoing support obligation when the payment exceeds the current support obligation and amounts due for past months are fully paid.

“*Public assistance*” means assistance provided according to Iowa Code chapter 239B or 249A, the cost of foster care provided by the department according to Iowa Code chapter 234, or assistance provided under comparable laws of other states.

“*Responsible person*” means a parent, relative, or guardian or any other designated person who is or may be declared to be legally liable for the support of a child or a child’s caretaker. For the purposes of calculating a support obligation pursuant to the mandatory child support guidelines prescribed by the Iowa Supreme Court in accordance with Iowa Code section 598.21B, this means the person from whom support is sought.

“*Support*” means child support or medical support or both for purposes of establishing, modifying, or enforcing orders and means spousal support for purposes of enforcing an order.

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