

**441—61.1(217) Definitions.**

“*Bureau*” means the bureau of refugee services within the department.

“*Bureau chief*” shall mean the chief of the bureau of refugee services.

“*Client*” means refugees or others determined eligible for services funded under the refugee program.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of human services.

“*Director*” means the director of the department of human services or a designee.

“*Family self-sufficiency plan*” means a plan that addresses the employment-related service needs of the employable members in a family for the purpose of enabling the family to become self-supporting through the employment of one or more family members. A family self-sufficiency plan shall be developed for anyone who receives employment-related services from the bureau.

“*Iowa state refugee program coordinator*” means the director, serving as the refugee program administrator, as appointed by the governor to administer programs funded and required by the Office of Refugee Resettlement within the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

“*Iowa state refugee program plan*” means the report that describes the state of Iowa’s refugee program plan to meet the standards, goals, and priorities required under the Immigration and Nationality Act and developed by the bureau on the basis of a consultative process for the successful resettlement of refugees. The bureau chief must certify no later than 30 days after the beginning of each federal fiscal year that the approved plan is current and continues in effect. If the bureau wishes to change its plan, the bureau must submit a proposed amendment to the plan to be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the office of refugee resettlement.

“*Legal proceeding*” means any action before any court, or any legal action preparatory to appearing before any court, whether civil or criminal in nature.

“*Office of refugee resettlement*” means a federal agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services with the legislative authority to be responsible for ensuring the coordination of federal resources in refugee resettlement.

“*Portal-to-portal*” means the span of time when interpreters leave their domicile or office to interpret at a scheduled interpreting assignment to interpret, and return to the domicile or office or arrive at their next interpreting assignment.

“*Presiding judicial officer*” means a judge of the United States, state, county, or municipal court, a magistrate, or judge in bankruptcy.

“*Refugee*” means any person who:

1. Is outside any country of the person’s nationality or, in the case of a person having no nationality, is outside any country in which the person last habitually resided; and

2. Is unable or unwilling to return to that country and unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, as defined under the Immigration and Nationality Act, Title I, Section 101.

“*Refugee unit*” means either an individual refugee or two or more refugees representing an identifiable group, as determined by the bureau of refugee services.

“*Resettlement agency*” means any business, organization or group of related persons having a current contract with the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau for Refugee Programs for the resettlement of refugees within the United States of America.

“*Unaccompanied refugee minor (URM)*” means a person who has not yet attained 18 years of age who entered the United States unaccompanied by and not destined to (1) a parent, or (2) a close non-parental adult relative who is willing and able to care for the child, or (3) an adult with a clear and court-verifiable claim to custody of the minor, and who has no parents in the United States.