

481—72.1(10A) Definitions.

“*Client*” means any person who has made an application for or is receiving state or federal public assistance from DHS or any other state or federal agency.

“*Collateral contact*” means a reliable source other than the client who is knowledgeable about information relative to pertinent public assistance case factors.

“*Department*” means the department of inspections and appeals.

“*DHS*” means the department of human services.

“*Division*” means the investigations division of the department.

“*EBT*” or “*electronic benefit transfer*” means the electronic process that allows a client to authorize transfer of the client’s benefits from a financial account to a retailer to pay for eligible items received. Clients are issued an EBT card similar to a bank ATM or debit card to receive and use their food assistance.

“*EBT trafficking or misuse*” means the use of food assistance benefits for something other than their intended use.

“*EFCB*” or “*bureau*” means the economic fraud control bureau.

“*Intentional program violation*” or “*IPV*” means having intentionally made a false or misleading statement; or misrepresented, concealed, or withheld facts; or committed an act that is a violation of the Food Stamp Act, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program regulations, or any state rule relating to the use, presentation, transfer, acquisition, receipt or possession of a benefit transfer instrument.

“*Pertinent public assistance case factors*” means information considered necessary to verify household composition, income, resources or any other potential program violation.

“*Program violation*” means action that is contrary to the rules of eligibility for any state or federal public assistance program.

“*Public assistance*” means child care assistance, family investment program, food assistance, medical assistance, state supplementary assistance, refugee cash assistance, or any other state or federal assistance program.

“*Referral*” means a request to investigate pertinent public assistance case factors for potential program violations and eligibility issues.

“*Referring agency*” means DHS or any other state or federal agency.

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