

441—22.1(225D) Definitions.

“Administrator” means the entity selected by the department through a request for proposal process or other contractual arrangement to administer the autism support program.

“Applicant” means an individual on whose behalf an application has been submitted but who has not been identified as an eligible individual or an individual who has received a denial of eligibility for the program.

“Applied behavior analysis” or *“ABA”* means the same as described in Iowa Code section 225D.1.

“Autism” means “autism spectrum disorder” as defined in Iowa Code section 514C.28.

“Autism service provider” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 225D.1.

“Autism support fund” or *“fund”* means the autism support fund created in Iowa Code section 225D.2.

“Autism support program” or *“program”* means the program created in Iowa Code section 225D.2 to provide funding for applied behavior analysis and care coordination for eligible individuals with a diagnosis of autism.

“Care coordination” means the coordination of services performed by the regional autism assistance program under Iowa Code section 256.35.

“Clinically relevant” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 225D.1.

“Diagnostic assessment of autism” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 225D.1.

“Eligible individual” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 225D.1.

“Federal poverty level” or *“FPL”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 225D.1.

“Household income” means household income, reported on the tax return on which the eligible individual is claimed as a dependent, as determined using the modified adjusted gross income methodology pursuant to Section 2002 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148 as amended to August 1, 2026. If the eligible individual’s parents live together and file separate tax returns, the income reported on both parents’ tax returns must be combined.

“Household size” means the total number of personal and dependent exemptions claimed on the tax return on which the eligible individual is claimed as a dependent plus any child under the age of 19 living in the household who is claimed for tax purposes by a noncustodial parent through a release of claim to exemption by the custodial parent.

“Maximum amount of treatment” means a maximum of 24 months of applied behavior analysis funded by the autism support program. Months of service are not required to be consecutive.

“Maximum annual benefit” means a maximum annual benefit amount of \$36,000 per year for autism support program services for an eligible individual. For the purposes of this program, the annual benefit is calculated by using as a starting date the date the first service is reimbursed by the program and an ending date 12 months from the starting date. Expenditures included in the calculation of the maximum annual benefit include reimbursements to autism service providers for provision of applied behavior analysis. Cost-sharing paid by the eligible individual is not included in the calculation of the individual’s annual benefit.

“Medical assistance” or *“Medicaid”* means assistance provided under the medical assistance program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 249A and Title XIX of the Social Security Act as amended to August 1, 2026.

“Month of service” means any month in which an individual receives at least one billable unit of applied behavior analysis service funded by the autism support program.

“Provider network” means a network of autism service providers approved by the department to provide services to eligible individuals through the autism support program.

“Regional autism assistance program” or *“RAP”* means the program outlined in Iowa Code section 256.35.

“Treatment plan” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 225D.1.

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