

**441—83.1 (249A) Definitions.**

*“Attorney in fact under a durable power of attorney for health care”* means an individual who is designated by a durable power of attorney for health care, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 144B, as an agent to make health care decisions on behalf of an individual and who has consented to act in that capacity.

*“Basic individual respite”* means respite provided on a staff-to-consumer ratio of one to one or higher to individuals without specialized needs requiring the care of a licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

*“Blind individual”* means an individual who has a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of corrective lens or visual field restriction to 20 degrees or less.

*“Client participation”* means the amount of the recipient income that the person must contribute to the cost of health and disability waiver services exclusive of medical vendor payments before Medicaid will participate.

*“Deeming”* means the specified amount of parental or spousal income and resources considered in determining eligibility for a child or spouse according to current supplemental security income guidelines.

*“Disabled person”* means an individual who is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which has lasted or is expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. A child under the age of 18 is considered disabled if the child suffers a medically determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity.

*“Financial participation”* means client participation and medical payments from a third party including veterans’ aid and attendance.

*“Group respite”* is respite provided on a staff-to-consumer ratio of less than one to one.

*“Guardian”* means a guardian appointed in probate court.

*“Intermittent homemaker service”* means homemaker service provided from one to three hours a day for not more than four days per week.

*“Intermittent respite service”* means respite service provided from one to three times a week.

*“Medical assessment”* means a visual and physical inspection of the consumer, noting deviations from the norm, and a statement of the consumer’s mental and physical condition that can be amendable to or resolved by appropriate actions of the provider.

*“Medical institution”* means a nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability which has been approved as a Medicaid vendor.

*“Medical intervention”* means consumer care in the areas of hygiene, mental and physical comfort, assistance in feeding and elimination, and control of the consumer’s care and treatment to meet the physical and mental needs of the consumer in compliance with the plan of care in areas of health, prevention, restoration, and maintenance.

*“Medical monitoring”* means observation for the purpose of assessing, preventing, maintaining, and treating disease or illness based on the consumer’s plan of care.

*“Service plan”* means a written consumer-centered, outcome-based plan of services developed using an interdisciplinary process, which addresses all relevant services and supports being provided. It may involve more than one provider.

*“Specialized respite”* means respite provided on a staff-to-consumer ratio of one to one or higher to individuals with specialized medical needs requiring the care, monitoring or supervision of a licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

*“Substantial gainful activity”* means productive activities which add to the economic wealth, or produce goods or services to which the public attaches a monetary value.

*“Third-party payments”* means payments from an attorney, individual, institution, corporation, or public or private agency which is liable to pay part or all of the medical costs incurred as a result of injury, disease or disability by or on behalf of an applicant or a past or present recipient of medical assistance.

*“Usual caregiver”* means a person or persons who reside with the consumer and are available on a 24-hour-per-day basis to assume responsibility for the care of the consumer.

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