

641—77.1(137) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions apply:

“*Core public health functions*” means the functions of assessment, policy development, and assurance.

1. **Assessment:** regular collection, analysis, interpretation, and communication of information about health conditions, risks, and assets in a community.

2. **Policy development:** development, implementation, and evaluation of plans and policies, for public health in general and priority health needs in particular, in a manner that incorporates scientific information and community values and in accordance with state public health policy.

3. **Assurance:** ensuring by encouragement, regulation, or direct action that programs and interventions that maintain and improve health are carried out.

“*District*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 137.102.

“*District board*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 137.102.

“*District health department*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 137.102.

“*Environmental health services*” means services focused on the environment to support population-based health services.

“*Essential public health services*” means those activities carried out by public health that fulfill the core functions.

“*Local board of health*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 137.102.

“*Personal health services*” means services focused on the care of individuals.

“*Population-based health services*” means services focused on the health status of population groups and their environments.

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