

**641—110.2(135,135B) Definitions.**

*“Center for rural health and primary care”* means the department of public health administrative entity that is responsible for provision of technical planning assistance to rural communities and counties, administration of a comprehensive primary care provider recruitment and retention endeavor, coordination of services to provide research of rural occupational health injuries and hazards, and coordination with the following: the center for agricultural health and safety, the center for health effects of environmental contamination, and the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

*“Center for rural health and primary care advisory committee”* means a group of individuals appointed by the governor, department directors and the Iowa legislature whose purpose is to provide advice and make recommendations on rural health issues to the center for rural health and primary care, department of public health.

*“Community health services assessment and developmental plan”* means a comprehensive health services assessment and plan which has been developed through a communitywide collaborative effort of public and private entities, including citizens at large, located in rural communities.

*“Department”* means the Iowa department of public health.

*“Director”* means the director of the department of public health.

*“Health care workforce and community support grant program”* means a program that provides assistance in the form of a forgivable loan, grant, or other nonfinancial assistance to communities to support the effort of a community and that is part of the community’s long-term community health services assessment and developmental plan.

*“Primary care health professional”* means an individual who is providing primary health services and is licensed to practice in the state of Iowa.

*“Primary care provider loan repayment program”* means a loan repayment for qualifying loans to eligible health professionals who choose to establish practices in designated health professional shortage areas of the state.

*“Primary care provider recruitment and retention endeavor”* or *“PRIMECARRE”* means a comprehensive primary health care initiative which promotes and assists local efforts in developing health care provider recruitment and retention programs and which includes a health care workforce and community support grant program and a primary care provider loan repayment program.

*“Primary health services”* means health services regarding family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, dentistry, or mental health that are provided by physicians or other health professionals.

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