

441—152.1(234) Definitions.

“Affiliates” means persons having a relationship such that any one of them directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control another.

“Authorized representative” means that person appointed to carry out audit procedures, including an assigned auditor, fiscal consultant, or agent contracted for a specific audit or audit procedure.

“Child” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 234.1.

“Claim” means each record the department receives that tells the amount of requested payment and the service rendered by a provider to a child and family.

“Client” means a child who has been found to be eligible for foster care services through the department.

“Confidence level” means the probability that an overpayment or underpayment rate determined from a random sample of charges is less than or equal to the rate that exists in the sample from which the sample was drawn.

“Contract” means a formal written agreement between the department and a provider of foster care services.

“Extrapolation” means using sample data meeting the confidence level requirement to estimate the total dollars of overpayment or underpayment.

“Family,” for purposes of child welfare service delivery, includes the following:

1. The natural or adoptive parents, stepparents, domestic partner of the natural or adoptive parent, and children who reside in the same household.

2. A child who lives with an adult related to the child within the fourth degree of consanguinity and the adult relatives within the fourth degree of consanguinity in the child’s household who are responsible for the child’s supervision. Relatives within the fourth degree of consanguinity include full or half-siblings, aunts, uncles, great-aunts, great-uncles, nieces, great-nieces, nephews, great-nephews, grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents, and first cousins.

3. A child who lives alone or who resides with a person or persons not legally responsible for the child’s support.

“Fiscal record” means a tangible and legible history that documents financial and statistical records.

“Juvenile court officer” means a person appointed as a juvenile court officer or chief juvenile court officer under Iowa Code chapter 602.

“Overpayment” means any payment or portion of a payment made to a provider that is incorrect according to the laws and rules applicable to foster care services and results in a payment greater than that to which the provider is entitled.

“Probation” means a specified period of conditional participation in the provision of foster care services.

“Provider” means the entity that has executed a contract with the department to provide services.

“Random sample” means a systematic (or every “nth” unit) sample for which each item in the sample has an equal probability of being selected.

“Referral worker” means the department worker or juvenile court officer who refers the case to a provider and who is responsible for carrying out the follow-up activities of determining client eligibility and ensuring that the service authorization is completed.

“Service authorization” means the process of determining service necessity and the level of care and number of units of service to be provided to a child.

“Service record” means an individual, tangible, and legible file that records service-related activities set forth in subrule 152.2(4).

“Site” means each licensed location of the foster care provider.

“Underpayment” means any payment or portion of a payment not made to a provider for services delivered to eligible recipients according to the laws and rules applicable to the foster care services program and to which the provider is entitled.

“Unit of service” means one day for group care and child welfare emergency services shelter.

“Withholding of payments” means a reduction or adjustment of the amounts paid to a provider on pending and subsequently submitted claims for purposes of offsetting overpayments previously made to the provider.

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