

**441—40.21(239B) Definitions.**

“*Applicant*” means a person for whom assistance is being requested, parent(s) living in the home with the child(ren), and the nonparental relative as defined in 441—subrule 41.22(3) who is requesting assistance for the child(ren).

“*Assistance unit*” includes any person whose income is considered when determining eligibility or the family investment program grant amount.

“*Central office*” shall mean the state administrative office of the department of human services.

“*Change in income*” means a permanent change in hours worked or rate of pay, any change in the amount of unearned income, or the beginning or ending of any income.

“*Department*” shall mean the Iowa department of human services.

“*Dependent*” means an individual who can be claimed by another individual as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

“*Dependent child*” or “*dependent children*” means a child or children who meet the nonfinancial eligibility requirements of the family investment program.

“*Income in kind*” is any gain or benefit which is not in the form of money payable directly to the eligible group including nonmonetary or in-kind benefits, such as meals, clothing, and vendor payments. Vendor payments are money payments which are paid to a third party and not to the eligible group.

“*Initial two months*” means the first two consecutive months for which assistance is paid. This may include a month for which a partial payment is made.

Whenever “*medical institution*” is used in this title, it shall mean a facility which is organized to provide medical care, including nursing and convalescent care, in accordance with accepted standards as authorized by state law and as evidenced by the facility’s license. A medical institution may be public or private. Medical institutions include the following:

1. Hospitals
2. Extended care facilities (skilled nursing)
3. Intermediate care facilities
4. Mental health institutions
5. Hospital schools

“*Needy specified relative*” means a nonparental specified relative, listed in 441—subrule 41.22(3), who meets all the eligibility requirements to be included in the family investment program.

“*Parent*” means a legally recognized parent, including an adoptive parent, or a biological father if there is no legally recognized father.

“*Payment month*” means the calendar month for which assistance is paid.

“*Payment standard*” means the total needs of a group as determined by adding need according to the schedule of basic needs, described in 441—subrule 41.28(2), to any allowable special needs, described in 441—subrule 41.28(3).

“*Promoting independence and self-sufficiency through employment job opportunities and basic skills (PROMISE JOBS) programs*” means the department’s training program as described in 441—Chapter 93, Division II.

“*Prospective budgeting*” means the determination of eligibility and the amount of assistance for a calendar month based on the best estimate of income and circumstances which will exist in that calendar month.

“*Recipient*” means a person for whom assistance is paid, parent(s) living in the home with the eligible child(ren) and nonparental relative as defined in 441—subrule 41.22(3) who is receiving assistance for the child(ren). Unless otherwise specified, a person is not a recipient for any month in which the assistance issued for that person is subject to recoupment because the person was ineligible.

“*Standard of need*” means the total needs of a group as determined by adding need according to the schedule of living costs, described in 441—subrule 41.28(2), to any allowable special needs, described in 441—subrule 41.28(3).

“*Stepparent*” means a person who is not the parent of the dependent child, but is the legal spouse of the dependent child’s parent, by ceremonial or common-law marriage.

*“Unborn child”* shall include an unborn child during the entire term of the pregnancy.  
This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 239B.3, 239B.5, and 239B.6.