441—170.1(237A) Definitions.

"Child care" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

"Child care facility" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

"Child with protective needs" means a child who is in foster care or has a case file that identifies child care as a safety or well-being need to prevent or alleviate the effects of child abuse or neglect. Child care is provided as part of a safety plan during a child abuse or child in need of assistance assessment or as part of the service plan established in the family's case plan. This designation means that the child has at least one of the following:

1. An open child abuse assessment;
2. An open child in need of assistance assessment;
3. An open child welfare case as a result of a child abuse assessment;
4. A petition on file for a child in need of assistance adjudication; or
5. Adjudication as a child in need of assistance.

"Client" means a current or former recipient of the child care assistance program.

"Client error" means and may result from:

1. False or misleading statements, oral or written, regarding the client's income, resources, or other circumstances that affect eligibility or the amount of assistance received;
2. Failure to timely report changes in income, resources, or other circumstances that affect eligibility or the amount of assistance received;
3. Failure to timely report the receipt of child care units in excess of the number approved by the department;
4. Failure to comply with the need for service requirements.

"Department error" means child care assistance incorrectly paid for the client because of action attributed to the department as the result of one or more of the following circumstances:

1. Loss or misfiling of forms or documents.
2. Errors in typing or copying.
3. Computer input errors.
4. Mathematical errors.
5. Failure to determine eligibility correctly or to certify assistance in the correct amount when all essential information was available to the department.
6. Failure to make timely changes in assistance following amendments of policies that require the changes by a specific date.

"Food services" means the preparation and serving of nutritionally balanced meals and snacks.

"Intentional program violation" means and may result from knowingly making or causing to be made a false statement or a misrepresentation of a material fact, failing to disclose a material fact, or committing a fraudulent practice to receive benefits in an amount greater than the amount the client or provider is entitled to receive.

"In-home" means care that is provided within the child's own home.

"Net profit from self-employment" means gross income less the costs of producing the income other than depreciation. A net loss in self-employment income cannot be offset from other earned or unearned income.

"Overpayment" means any benefit or payment received in an amount greater than the amount the client or provider is entitled to receive.

"Parent" means the parent or the person who serves in the capacity of the parent of the child receiving child care assistance services.

"Program and activities" means the daily schedule of experiences in a child care setting.

"PROMISE JOBS" means the department's work and training program, promoting independence and self-sufficiency through employment job opportunities and basic skills as described in 441—Chapter 93.

"Provider" means a licensed child care center, a registered child development home, a caretaker who provides care for a child in the child's home, or a nonregistered child care home.

"Provider error" means and may result from:

1. Presentation for payment of any false or fraudulent claim for services or merchandise;

2. Submitting false information for the purpose of obtaining greater compensation than that to which the provider is legally entitled;

3. Failure to report the receipt of a child care assistance payment in excess of that approved by the department;

4. Charging the department an amount for services rendered over and above what is charged private pay clients for the same services;

5. Failure to maintain a copy of attendance records signed by the parent and the provider.

"Recoupment" means the repayment of an overpayment by the client or provider or both.

"Signature" means a person's name written in a distinctive way as a form of identification and will include but not be limited to wet ink signatures and electronic verification options such as picture/face recognition, PIN entry, digital fingerprint, biometric verification, or electronic signature that is unique to the person signing.

"Special needs child" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

"Supervision" means the care, protection, and guidance of a child.

"Timely" means within ten calendar days.

"Unit(s) of service" means a half day that will be up to 5 hours of service per 24-hour period.

"Vocational training or education" means a training plan that includes a specific goal; that is, high school completion, high school equivalency, improved English skills, or development of specific academic or vocational skills.

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