441—176.1(235B) Definitions.

"Assault" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 708.1.

"At-risk adult" means a dependent adult whose personal health or safety is at risk due to impairments, the environment, a substance use disorder, a lack of services or social supports, a refusal to accept services, or other risk factors identified through an assessment.

"Caretaker" means the same as set forth in Iowa Code section 235B.2.

"Collateral sources" means any agency or person who is providing, either in a professional or paraprofessional capacity, service to the dependent adult, including but not limited to doctors, counselors, and public health nurses.

"Denial of critical care" exists when the dependent adult's basic needs are denied or ignored to such an extent that there is imminent danger of the dependent adult suffering injury or death.

"Dependent adult" means the same as set forth in Iowa Code section 235B.2.

"Dependent adult abuse" means the same as set forth in Iowa Code section 235B.2.

"Expungement" means the process of permanently deleting electronic and printed materials regarding dependent adult abuse information in compliance with Iowa Code section 235B.9.

"Finding" means the department's determination, following an investigation, of whether dependent adult abuse or self-neglect occurred.

"Immediately" means within 24 hours when referring to mandatory reporters reporting suspected abuse of a dependent adult.

"Imminent" means occurring or likely to occur soon.

"Investigation" means the process of examining and gathering information about an allegation of dependent adult abuse to determine if the circumstances of the allegation meet the standards of evidence for a finding.

"Investigative summary" means the written documentation of an investigation that summarizes the information gathered, including all actions taken or contemplated, the analysis of the evidence, and the finding of whether dependent adult abuse or self-neglect occurred.

"Multidisciplinary team" means a membership of individuals who possess knowledge and skills related to the diagnosis, assessment, and disposition of dependent adult abuse cases and who are professionals practicing in the disciplines of medicine, public health, social work, law, law enforcement and other disciplines relative to dependent adults.

"Physical injury" means damage to any bodily tissue to the extent that the tissue must undergo a healing process in order to be restored to a sound and healthy condition, or damage to any bodily tissue to the extent that the tissue cannot be restored to a sound and healthy condition, or damage to any bodily tissue that results in the death of the person who has sustained the damage, or physical injury that is at variance with the history given of it.

"Registry" means the central registry for dependent adult abuse information established in Iowa Code section 235B.5.

"Report" means a verbal or written statement, made to the department, that alleges that dependent adult abuse has occurred.

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