

441—201.2(600) Definitions.

“Child” means a person who has not attained age 18 or a person with a physical or mental disability who has not attained age 21.

“Escrow account” means an interest-bearing account in a bank or savings and loan association that is maintained by the department in the name of a particular child.

“Maintenance subsidy” means a monthly payment to assist the family in meeting the living expenses and expenses related to the care of a child with special needs in covering the cost of room, board, clothing, and spending money. The child will also be eligible for medical assistance pursuant to 441—Chapter 75.

“Nonrecurring expenses” means reasonable and necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees and other expenses that are directly related to the legal adoption of a child with special needs. These shall be limited to attorney fees, court filing fees and other court costs.

“Physician” means a licensed medical or osteopathic doctor as defined in rule 441—77.1(249A).

“Presubsidy” means payment for maintenance or special services for a child with special needs who is placed in an adoptive home and who meets all eligibility criteria for maintenance subsidy but whose adoption is not finalized.

“Qualified intellectual disability professional” means a person who has at least one year of experience working directly with persons with an intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities and who is one of the following:

1. A doctor of medicine or osteopathy.
2. A registered nurse.
3. A person who holds at least a bachelor’s degree in a human services field, including but not limited to social work, sociology, special education, rehabilitation counseling, or psychology.

“Qualified mental health professional” means a person who meets all the following conditions:

1. Holds a master’s degree in a mental health field, including but not limited to psychology, counseling and guidance, psychiatric nursing, or social work; or is a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine; and
2. Holds a current Iowa license when required by the Iowa professional licensure laws for persons practicing as a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a marital and family therapist, a mental health counselor, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, a psychiatric nurse, or a social worker; and
3. Has at least two years of postdegree experience supervised by a mental health professional in assessing mental health problems, mental illness, and services needs and in providing mental health services.

“Special services subsidy” means payment to a provider or reimbursement to the parent for medical, dental, therapeutic, or other services, equipment or appliances required by a child to meet the child’s identified special needs.

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