

641—110.2(135) Definitions.

“Area health education center (AHEC)” means the linking of university health centers with community-based delivery systems in order to improve delivery of health care.

“Center for rural health and primary care” means the department of public health administrative entity that is responsible for provision of technical planning assistance to rural communities and counties, administration of a comprehensive primary care provider recruitment and retention endeavor, coordination of services to provide research of rural occupational health injuries and hazards, and coordination with the following: the center for agricultural health and safety, the center for health effects of environmental contamination, and the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

“Center for rural health and primary care advisory committee” means a group of individuals appointed by the governor, department directors and the Iowa legislature whose purpose is to provide advice and make recommendations on rural health issues to the center for rural health and primary care, department of public health.

“Community grant program” means a program that provides assistance in the form of a forgivable loan, grant, or other nonfinancial assistance to communities, to support the effort of a community which is part of the community’s long-term community health services assessment and developmental plan.

“Community health services assessment and developmental plan” means a comprehensive health services assessment and plan which has been developed through a community-wide collaborative effort of public and private entities, including citizens at large, located in rural communities.

“Department” means the Iowa department of public health.

“Director” means the director of the department of public health.

“Primary care collaborative work group” means a group of individuals who, at a minimum, represent the following entities, who are responsible for coordination of all statewide recruitment and retention activities and for recommendations related to the implementation of the primary care provider recruitment and retention endeavor (PRIMECARRE): University of Iowa college of medicine, University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Iowa physician assistant school, University of Iowa nurse practitioner school, University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences physician assistant program, Iowa-Nebraska primary care association, Iowa medical society, Iowa osteopathic medical association, Iowa chapter of American college of osteopathic family physicians, Iowa academy of family physicians, nurse practitioner association, Iowa nurses association, Iowa hospital association, and Iowa physician assistants association.

“Primary care health professional” means an individual who is providing primary health services, and is licensed to practice in the state of Iowa.

“Primary care provider community scholarship program” means a scholarship program that provides obligated-service scholarships to eligible health professional students for qualifying educational expenses incurred to obtain the credentials in that profession in return for providing primary care services in health professional shortage areas in the state.

“Primary care provider loan repayment program” means a loan repayment for qualifying loans to eligible health professionals who choose to establish practices in designated health professional shortage areas of the state.

“Primary care provider recruitment and retention endeavor (PRIMECARRE)” means a comprehensive primary health care initiative to promote and assist local efforts in developing health care provider recruitment and retention programs, and which includes a community grant program, a primary care provider loan repayment program, primary care provider community scholarships, and area health education centers.

“Primary health services” means health services regarding family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, dentistry, or mental health that are provided by physicians or other health professionals.