

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 which 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 special needs child 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 which 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 special needs child 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 of the following conditions:

1. Holds a master’s degree in a mental health field including, but not limited to, psychology, counseling and guidance, or psychiatric nursing and 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 in order to meet the child’s identified special needs.

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