

§101. Definitions

As used in this Title, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

1. **Adult.** "Adult" means a person who is 18 years of age or older.
[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]
2. **Child.** "Child" means a person who has not attained 18 years of age.
[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]
3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, a designee or an authorized representative.
[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §7 (REV).]
4. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services and its agents and authorized representatives.
[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6 (REV).]
5. **Minor or minor child.** "Minor" or "minor child" means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years.
[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]
6. **Obligee.** "Obligee" means any person to whom a duty of support is owed.
[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]
7. **Obligor.** "Obligor" means any person owing a duty of support.
[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]
8. **Parent.** "Parent" means the legal parent or the legal guardian when no legal parent exists.
[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]
9. **Person.** "Person" means an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, corporation, political subdivision of the State, instrumentality of the State or other entity.
[PL 1997, c. 537, §11 (AMD); PL 1997, c. 537, §62 (AFF).]
10. **State.** The term "state" means any state, territory or possession of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.
[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

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