**Section 508.20 Definitions**

"Administrative Hearing" shall mean a contested case or a hearing in which the rule establishing the right to hearing references this Part.

"Administrative Law Judge" shall mean any attorney licensed to practice law in Illinois, appointed by the Secretary to preside at an administrative hearing.

"Contested Case" means *an adjudicatory proceeding (not including ratemaking, rulemaking, or quasi-legislative, informational, or similar proceedings) in which the individual legal rights, duties, or privileges of a party are required by law to be determined by an agency only after an opportunity for a hearing* [5 ILCS 100/1-30].

"Day", unless otherwise noted, shall mean a day on which the State of Illinois offices are open for business. This would exclude Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays.

"Department" shall mean the Department of Human Services, State of Illinois.

"IAPA" shall mean the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100].

"License" means *the whole or part* of any Department *permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter, or similar form of permission required by law* [5 ILCS 100/1-35].

"Licensing" means the Department *process respecting the grant, denial, renewal, revocation, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, or amendment of a license* [5 ILCS 100/1-40].

"Party" means the Department or *each person or agency named or admitted as a party or properly seeking and entitled as of right to be admitted as a party* [5 ILCS 100/1-55] or intervener whose petition to intervene has been granted.

"Person" means *any individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision or public or private organization of any character other than* the Department [5 ILCS 100/1-60].

"Petitioner" means the party who requests the hearing.

"Respondent" means the party against whom a petition is filed.

"Secretary" shall mean the Secretary or the designee of the Secretary of the Department of Human Services, State of Illinois.

"WIC Hearing" refers to a hearing under the WIC Vendor Management Act [410 ILCS 255].