

## **222.500 Definitions for KRS 222.500 to 222.510.**

As used in KRS 222.500 to 222.510:

- (1) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
- (2) "Certifying organization" means:
  - (a) The Kentucky Recovery Housing Network;
  - (b) The National Alliance for Recovery Residences or their recognized affiliates;
  - (c) Oxford House, Inc.; and
  - (d) Any other organization that develops and administers professional certification programs requiring minimum standards for the operation of recovery residences that has been recognized and approved by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
- (3) "Local government" means a city, county, urban-county government, consolidated local government, charter county government, or unified local government;
- (4) "Medication for addiction treatment" means the use of pharmacological agents approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of substance use disorders in combination with counseling and other behavioral health therapies to provide a whole-patient approach to the treatment of substance use disorders;
- (5) "Recovery residence":
  - (a) Means any premises, place, or building that:
    1. Holds itself out as a recovery residence, recovery home, sober living residence, alcohol, illicit drug, and other intoxicating substance-free home for unrelated individuals, or any other similarly named or identified residence that promotes substance use disorder recovery through abstinence from intoxicating substances; and
    2. Provides a housing arrangement for a group of unrelated individuals who are recovering from substance use disorders or to a group of parents who are recovering from a substance use disorder and their children, including peer-to-peer supervision models; and
  - (b) Does not include any premises, place, or building that is licensed or otherwise approved by the cabinet or any other agency of state government to operate as a residential or inpatient substance use treatment facility;
- (6) "Recovery support services":
  - (a) Means activities that are directed primarily toward recovery from substance use disorders and includes but is not limited to mutual aid self-help meetings, recovery coaching, spiritual coaching, group support, and assistance in achieving and retaining gainful employment; and
  - (b) Does not include any medical, clinical, behavioral health, or other substance use treatment service for which a license or other approval is required under state law; and
- (7) "Resident-driven length of stay" means the amount of time an individual is allowed to stay at a recovery residence as determined by the individual resident based upon

his or her recovery needs and not by a third-party payor.

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