

## **210.005 Definitions for chapter.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
- (2) "Chronic" means that clinically significant symptoms of mental illness have persisted in the individual for a continuous period of at least two (2) years, or that the individual has been hospitalized for mental illness more than once in the last two (2) years, and that the individual is presently significantly impaired in his ability to function socially or occupationally, or both;
- (3) "Deaf or hard-of-hearing" means having a hearing impairment so that a person cannot hear and understand speech clearly through the ear alone, irrespective of the use of any hearing aid device;
- (4) "Individual with an intellectual disability" means a person with significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period;
- (5) "Mental illness" means a diagnostic term that covers many clinical categories, typically including behavioral or psychological symptoms, or both, along with impairment of personal and social function, and specifically defined and clinically interpreted through reference to criteria contained in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (Third Edition) and any subsequent revision thereto, of the American Psychiatric Association;
- (6) "Regional community services program" means a community services program for mental health or individuals with an intellectual disability established in accordance with this chapter, a community mental health center, a certified community behavioral health clinic, or a certified eligible community behavioral health clinic; and
- (7) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note (6/29/2023).** Under the authority of KRS 7.136(1), the Reviser of Statutes has changed the internal numbering of this statute to place the definitions in alphabetical order. No words were changed in this process.