

**199.882 Definitions for KRS 199.881 to 199.888.**

As used in KRS 199.881 to 199.888:

- (1) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
- (2) "Child-care provider" means a child-care provider that is rated pursuant to the quality-based graduated early care and education program rating system set forth in KRS 199.8943;
- (3) "Contribution" means a direct payment to a child-care provider made either directly by an employer or through a third party on behalf of the employer to subsidize an employee's eligible child-care costs;
- (4) "Eligible child-care costs" means costs to be incurred by an individual for services rendered by an eligible child-care provider;
- (5) "Employee" means an individual who works in Kentucky and is employed by an employer;
- (6) "Employer" means a nonprofit or for-profit entity with at least one (1) employee who works in Kentucky in each of twenty (20) or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year;
- (7) "Fund" means the fund administered by the cabinet as described in KRS 199.885;
- (8) "Program" means the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership;
- (9) "Small business" means a business with fewer than fifty (50) employees who are individually contracted to work more than thirty-five (35) hours per week;
- (10) "State match" means the money paid directly to the child-care provider by the cabinet or a third-party administrator from the fund described in KRS 199.885;
- (11) "State median household income" means the most recent estimate available of real median household income for the state, as determined by the United States Census Bureau, and adjusted for family size; and
- (12) "Third-party administrator" means a private entity contracted by the cabinet to administer the program.

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