

Health and Human Services Commonly Used Acronyms

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AAA(s): Area Agencies on Aging

ABLE: Achieving a Better Life Experience accounts (tax-advantaged savings accounts for persons with disabilities)

AC: Alternative Care (program)

ACA: Affordable Care Act (federal)

ACT: Assertive Community Treatment

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act (federal)

ADL: Activities of Daily Living

AL: Assisted Living

AMH: Adult Mental Health

AMRTC: Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center

APCD: All-Payer Claims Database

APR-DRG: All Patient Refined Diagnosis-Related Group

ARMHS: Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services

ASAM: American Society of Addiction Medicine (substance use disorder treatment criteria)

AWP: Average Wholesale Price (prescription drugs)

BELTSS: Board of Executives for Long-Term Services and Supports

BHF: Behavioral Health Fund

BHH: Behavioral Health Home

BHP: Basic Health Program

BI: Brain Injury (waiver)

CABHS: Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services

CAC: Community Alternative Care (waiver)

CADI: Community Access for Disability Inclusion (waiver)

CARE: Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise

CBHH: Community Behavioral Health Hospital

CCBHC: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (federal)

CDCS: Consumer-Directed Community Supports

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations

CFSS: Community First Services and Supports

CHB: Community Health Board

CHC: Community Health Center

CHIP: Children’s Health Insurance Program

CHOW: Change of Ownership (health facilities)

CIBHS: Children’s Intensive Behavioral Health Services (formerly intensive treatment in foster care)

CMH: Children’s Mental Health

CMHC: Community Mental Health Center

CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (federal)

COLA: Cost of Living Adjustment

CPT: Current Procedural Terminology

CSFP: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (federal)

CTSS: Children’s Therapeutic Services and Supports

CYSHN: Children and Youth with Special Health Needs

DAANES: Drug and Alcohol Abuse Normative Evaluation System

DBT: Dialectical Behavioral Therapy

DCT: Direct Care and Treatment

DD: Developmental Disabilities (waiver)

DHS: Minnesota Department of Human Services

DHHS: Department of Health and Human Services (federal)

DRG: Diagnosis-Related Group

DSM: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

DT&H: Day Training and Habilitation

DWRS: Disability Waiver Rate System

ECPN: Equitable Cost-sharing for Publicly owned Nursing Facilities (nursing facility reimbursement)

ECS: Essential Community Supports

EGA: Emergency General Assistance

EHR: Electronic Health Record

EIDBI: Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention

EMA: Emergency Medical Assistance
EPSDT: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (federal)
EW: Elderly Waiver
FDA: Food and Drug Administration (federal)
FFP: Federal Financial Participation
FMAP: Federal Medical Assistance Percentage
FPG: Federal Poverty Guidelines
FQHC: Federally Qualified Health Center
GA: General Assistance
HAN: Health Alert Network
HCAF: Health Care Access Fund
HCBS: Home and Community-Based Waiver Services
HIE: Health Information Exchange
HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (federal)
HMO: Health Maintenance Organization
IADL: Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
ICHRP: Integrated Care for High Risk Pregnancies
ICD: International Classification of Diseases
ICF/DD: Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
IEP: Individual Education Program (or plan)
IHP: Integrated Health Partnership
IMDs: Institutions for Mental Disease
IPP: Individual Program Plan
IRMHS: Intensive Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (children’s mental health)
IRTS: Intensive Residential Treatment Services
ISP: Individual Service Plan
ITP: Individual Treatment Plan
JCAHO: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
LPR: Lawful Permanent Resident
LTC: Long-Term Care
LTCP: Long-Term Care Partnership
LTSS: Long-Term Services and Supports

MA: Medical Assistance

MAARC: Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center

MAC: Maximum Allowable Cost (prescription drugs)

MACRA: Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (federal)

MA-EPD: Medical Assistance Employed Persons with Disabilities

MAGI: Modified Adjusted Gross Income

MAXIS: Minnesota AXIS (computer system for public program eligibility determinations)

MCO: Managed Care Organization

MDH: Minnesota Department of Health

MEDSS: Minnesota Electronic Disease Surveillance System

MERC: Medical Education and Research Costs

METS: Minnesota Eligibility Technology System

MHCP: Minnesota Health Care Programs

MHRA: Minnesota Health Records Act

MHSATS: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services

MH-TCM: Mental Health Targeted Case Management

MI&D: Mentally Ill and Dangerous

MIIC: Minnesota Immunization Information Connection

MITH: Minnesota Intensive Therapeutic Homes

MMIS: Medicaid Management Information System

MnDHO: Minnesota Disability Health Options

MSA: Minnesota Supplemental Aid

MSHO: Minnesota Senior Health Options

MSOP: Minnesota Sex Offender Program

NIDA: National Institute on Drug Abuse

NIH: National Institutes of Health

OAA: Older Americans Act (federal)

OERAC: Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council

OHFC: Office of Health Facility Complaints (MDH)

OIG: Office of Inspector General (DHS)

OLA: Office of the Legislative Auditor

OMHDD: Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

OOLTC: Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care
OTP: Opioid Treatment Program
ODU: Opioid Use Disorder
PCA: Personal Care Assistant/Assistance
PHI: Protected Health Information
PHR: Personal Health Record
PIPP: Performance-based Incentive Payment Program (nursing facility reimbursement)
PMAP: Prepaid Medical Assistance Program
PMP: Prescription Monitoring Program
PRTF: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (children’s mental health)
QI: Qualifying Individual
QIIP: Quality Improvement Incentive Program (nursing facility reimbursement)
QMB: Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
QWD: Qualified Working Disabled
RCO: Recovery Community Organization
RUGs: Resource Utilization Groups (nursing facility reimbursement)
SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (federal)
SED: Serious Emotional Disturbance
SHIP: Statewide Health Improvement Program
SILS: Semi-Independent Living Services
SIRS: Surveillance and Integrity Review Section
SLMB: Specified Low-income Medicare Beneficiary
SMRT: State Medical Review Team
SNBC: Special Needs BasicCare (program)
SNP: Special Needs Plan
SPMI: Serious and Persistent Mental Illness
SSA: Social Security Administration (federal)
SSI: Supplemental Security Income (federal)
SSIS: Social Service Information System
SUD: Substance Use Disorder
TCM: Targeted Case Management
TEFRA: Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (federal)

Title XVI of the Social Security Act: authorizes the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program for the aged, blind, and persons with disabilities.

Title XVII of the Social Security Act: authorizes the federal medical insurance program for the aged and persons with disabilities that is known as Medicare.

Title XIX of the Social Security Act: authorizes the joint federal-state MA program. MA is also known as Medicaid.

Title XXI of the Social Security Act: authorizes the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

USCIS: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (federal)

USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture (federal)

VBR: Value-Based Reimbursement (nursing facility reimbursement)

VAA: Vulnerable Adults Act (Minnesota)

WAC: Wholesale Acquisition Cost (prescription drugs)

WIC: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (federal)

WHO: World Health Organization



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