

Health and Human Services Commonly Used Acronyms

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AAA(s): Area Agencies on Aging

ABAWD: Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents

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

AWP: Average Wholesale price (prescription drugs)

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

BHF: Behavioral Health Fund (formerly CCDTF)

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

CCAP: Child Care Assistance Programs

CCBHC: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

CCDF: Child Care and Development Fund (federal)

CCDTF: Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (now BHF)

CCOA: Continuing Care for Older Adults

CD: Chemical Dependency

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 Centers

CHIP: Children's Health Insurance Program

CHIPS: Child in Need of Protection or Services

CMH: Children's Mental Health

CMHC: Community Mental Health Center

CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (federal)

COLA: Cost of Living Adjustment

CTSS: Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports

CYSHN: Children and Youth with Special Health Needs

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-V: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition

DT&H: Day Training and Habilitation

DWP: Diversionary Work Program

DWRS: Disability Waiver Rate System

EBT: Electronic Benefits Transfer

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

EIDBI: Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention

ECS: Essential Community Supports

EGA: Emergency General Assistance

EHR: Electronic Health Records

EMA: Emergency Medical Assistance

EMSRB: Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

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

FSET: Food Support Employment and Training

GA: General Assistance

GAL: Guardian ad Litem

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

ICWA: Indian Child Welfare Act (federal)

IEP: Individual Education Program (or plan)

IHP: Integrated Health Partnership

IMDs: Institutions for Mental Disease

IOM: Institute of Medicine

IPP: Individual Program Plan

IRTS: Intensive Residential Treatment Services

ISP: Individual Service Plan

ITFC: Intensive Treatment in Foster Care

JCAHO: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

LIHEAP: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (federal)

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

MFAP: Minnesota Food Assistance Program

MFIP: Minnesota Family Investment Program

MHCP: Minnesota Health Care Programs

MHRA: Minnesota Health Records Act

MHSATS: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services

MI&D: Mentally Ill and Dangerous

MIFPA: Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act

MIIC: Minnesota Immunization Information Connection

MITH: Minnesota Intensive Therapeutic Homes

MMIS: Medicaid Management Information System

MnDHO: Minnesota Disability Health Options

MOE: Maintenance of Effort

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)

OHFC: Office of Health Facility Complaints (MDH)

OIG: Office of Inspector General (DHS)

OLA: Office of the Legislative Auditor

OMC: Office of Medical Cannabis (MDH)

OOLTC: Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care

PCA: Personal Care Assistant

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)

PRWORA: Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (federal)

QI: Qualifying Individual

QIIP: Quality Improvement Incentive Program (nursing facility reimbursement)

QMB: Qualified Medicare Beneficiary

QWD: Qualified Working Disabled

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

SIDS: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

SILS: Semi-Independent Living Services

SLMB: Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary

SMI: State Median Income

SMRT: State Medical Review Team

SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (federal)

SNBC: Special Needs Basic Care (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

SUID: Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

TANF: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (federal)

TCM: Targeted Case Management

TEFRA: Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (federal)

Title IV-A of the Social Security Act: authorizes the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program of assistance to states.

Title IV-B of the Social Security Act: provides funding and standards for establishing, extending, and strengthening child welfare services.

Title IV-D of the Social Security Act: authorizes measures to (1) enforce child support obligations by absent parents, (2) locate absent parents, (3) establish paternity, and (4) obtain child support.

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act: authorizes a state-federal program of foster care payments and adoption assistance payments.

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 XX of the Social Security Act: authorizes the federal Social Services Block Grant program of assistance to states to help fund social services.

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

TPLPC: Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody (to a relative)

TPR: Termination of Parental Rights

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

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

VBR: Value-Based Reimbursement (nursing facility reimbursement)

VCAA: Vulnerable Child and 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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