

HEALTH CARE ACRONYMS

AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
AAAHC	Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care
AABD	Aid to Aged, Blind and Disabled
AAC	Actual acquisition cost
AAHA	American Association of Homes for the Aging
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges; Association of American Medical Clinics
AAMR	American Association on Mental Retardation
AAPC	Adjusted average per capita cost
AAPI	American Accreditation Program, Inc.
AAPPO	American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations
AAPS	American Association of Physicians and Surgeons
AARP	American Association of Retired People
AB	Aid to the Blind
ABC	Adjusted billed charge
ABO	Accumulated benefit obligation
ACCH	Association for the Care of Children's Health
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
ACHE	American College of Healthcare Executives
ACP	American College of Physicians
ACR	Adjusted community rate
ACT	Assertive community treatment; application for continued treatment
ACT 114	Involuntary medication statute
ACT 248	State statute on the supervision of incompetent and mentally retarded individuals
AD	Administrative discharge
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act; American Dietetic Association; American Dental Association
ADD	Attention deficit disorder
ADG	Askesis Development Group
ADL	Activities of daily living
ADR	Adverse drug reactions
ADS	Alternative delivery system

AFDC	Aid to families with dependent children
AFL	Authorized funding limit
AGPA	American Group Practice Association
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHCPR	Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
AHEC	Area health education center
AHQC	American Health Quality Council
AHS	Agency of Human Services
AHSA	American Health Security Act
AHSAB	American Health Security Advisory Board
AIM	Acuity index method
AIT	Application for involuntary treatment
ALEC	American Legislative Exchange Council
AMA	American Medical Association
AMCRA	American Managed Care and Review Association
AMCS	Automated medical coding system
AMI-VT	Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Vermont
AMP	average manufacturer price
AMPCA	American Managed Care Pharmacy Association
AMPRA	American Medical Peer Review Association
AMRRC	American Medical Review Research Center
AMSUS	Association of Military Surgeons of the United States
ANA	American Nurses Association
ANCOR	American Network of Community Options and Resources
ANDA	Abbreviated new drug application
ANHA	American Nursing Homes Association
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AOA	American Optometric Association; American Osteopathic Association
APA	American Pharmaceutical Association; Administrative Procedures Act
APC	Ambulatory patient classification; average projected cost
APDRG	All patient diagnosis related groups
APG	Ambulatory patient group
APhA	American Pharmaceutical Association
APHA	American Public Health Associations; American Protestant Hospital Association

APHSA	The American Public Human Services Association
APS	Ambulatory patient severity
APSE	Association for Persons in Supported Employment
APT	Admissions per thousand
APTD	Aid to the permanently disabled
ARC	Association for Retarded Citizens
ARF	Area resource file
ARIS	Area Resources for Individualized Services
ASHHRA	American Society of Healthcare Human Resource Administrators
ASHP	American Society of Hospital Pharmacists
ASHRM	American Society for Hospital Risk Management
ASPA	American Society for Personnel Administration
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
AT	Assistive technology
AUR	Ambulatory utilization review
AWP	Average wholesale price
BCCH	Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive Healthcare
BD	Behavior disordered
BHMO	Behavioral Health Management Organization
BIS	Behavioral information system
BISCHA	Department of Banking and Insurance, Securities, Health Care Administration
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
BRFSS	Behavioral risk factor surveillance system
CA	Community Associates (DS Program of CSAC)
CAFU	Child, Adolescent and Family Unit of the Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services
CAN	Child abuse and neglect
CAH	Critical access hospital
CAHPS	Consumer assessment of health plans
CAP	Center Accreditation Project; Community Access Program (DS program of RMH); Community Action Program
CARC	Champlain Association for Retarded Citizens or Champlain ARC
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CAT	Computerized axial tomography
CBA	Cost benefit analysis

CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CCD	Crippled Children's Division
CCHP	Consumer Choice Health Plan
CCO	Coordinated care organization
CCU	Coronary care unit
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDS	Community Developmental Services (DS program of WCMH)
CEC	Council on Exceptional Children
CFIS	Clinical Financial Information Systems
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CGMP	Current good manufacturing price
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Veterans Administration
CHAP	Child Health Assurance Program
CHBI	Commission on Health Benefits and Integration
CHC	Comprehensive health centers
CHCT	Council on Healthcare Technology
CHMIS	Community health management information system
CHO	Comprehensive Health Organization
CHP	Certified Health Plan
CHPA	Community Health Purchasing Alliance
CHS	Community health center
CHSO	Comprehensive Health Services Organization
CIP	Competitive Incentive Program
CMC	Clara Martin Center
CME	Continuing medical education
CMHC	Community mental health center
CMHS	Center for Mental Health Services
CMO	Case Management Organization
CMP	Competitive medical plan
CMP	Community medical plan
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly HCFA)
COB	Coordination of benefits; certificate of benefit
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1986

COC	Certificate of coverage
CODTP	Co-Occurring Disorders Treatment Program
COG	Council of Governments
CON	Certificate of need
COPC	Community oriented primary care
CORF	Comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility
COTH	Council of teaching hospitals
CP	Cerebral palsy; certified provider
CPHA	Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities
CPI	Consumer price index
CPR	Comparative performance reports
CPR	Customary, prevailing and reasonable
CPRC	Customary, prevailing and reasonable charge
CPT-4	Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition
CPS	Child Protective Services
CQI	Continuous quality improvement
CR	Conditional release
CRC	Community Rating by Class
CRT	Community rehabilitation and treatment for severely and persistently mentally ill
CRVS	California Relative Value Studies
CSAC	Counseling Services of Addison County
CSP	Community support program
CT	Computer tomographic (scanners)
CUPS	Children's Upstream Services (for mental health care)
CVCA	Central Vermont Council on Aging
CVCAC	Central Vermont Community Action Council
CVH	Central Vermont Hospital (Central Vermont Medical Center)
CVS	Champlain Vocational Services
CVSAS	Central Vermont Substance Abuse Services
DA	Designated agency for developmental and mental health services
DAD	Vermont Department of Aging and Disability
DAW	Dispense as written
DAWN	Drug abuse warning network
DBT	Dialectical behavioral therapy

DCG	Diagnostic cost group
DD	Developmental disability
DDC	Developmental Disabilities Council
DDMHS	Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services
DDS	Division of Developmental Services; Doctoral of Dental Surgery
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DES	Department of Economic Security
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DHRS	Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services
DHMC	Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
DLP	Disability Law Project
DMD	Doctor of Medical Dentistry
DME	Durable medical equipment
DMH	Division of Mental Health
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DOE	Department of Education
DOL	Department of Labor
DOS	Date of service
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPOA/HC	Durable power of attorney for healthcare
DRG	Diagnosis related groups
DSH	Disproportionate Share Hospital Adjustment
DRR	Drug regimen review
DUR	Drug utilization review
DS	Developmental services (includes mental retardation and pervasive developmental disabilities)
DSM III	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Version III
D.S.W.	Doctorate degree in Social Work
DVM	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
DVR	Division of Vocational Services
E-bed	Emergency bed
EAC	Estimated acquisition cost
EBRI	Employee Benefits Research Institute
ECF	Extended care facility
ECM	Electronic claims management

ECRC	Enhanced community rating by class
ECT	Electroconvulsive therapy
EDI	Electronic data interchange
EDS	Electronic data systems
EEE	Essential Early Education
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EHA	The Education for all Handicapped Children Act (Public Law 94-142)
EKG	Electrocardiogram
ELIC	Eligible low-income children
EMS	Emergency medical services
EOS	Equal opportunity employer
EPA	Exclusive provider arrangement
EPO	Exclusive provider organizations
EPSDT	Early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment program
ER	Emergency room; experience rating
ERIS	Employee resources information systems
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act
EQRO	External quality review organization
ESRD	End stage renal disease
ET	Expenditure target
FAC	Freestanding ambulatory center
FACCT	Foundation for Accountability (consumer info network)
FAH	Federation of American Hospitals
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FED	Front end deductible
FEHBP	Federal Employees Health Benefits Program
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FI	Fiscal intermediary
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FF	Families First (DS provider)
FFF	Flexible Family Funding (for families with a member who has a developmental disability)
FFP	Federal financial participation
FFS	Fee for service
FFY	Federal fiscal year

FMAP	Federal medical assistance percentage
FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner
FP	For profit
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTE	Full time equivalents
FY	Fiscal year
GAD	Government Affairs Division
GAF	Global assessment of functioning (for individuals with mental illness)
GAO	Government Accounting Office
GCW	Governor's Commission on Women
GDEA	Generic Drug Enforcement Act
GDR	Government Distribution Report
GEP	General enrollment period
GF	General fund
GH	Group home
GHAA	Group Health Associations of America
GHI	Group Health Institute
GHRI	General health rating index
GMP	Good manufacturing practice
GNP	Gross national product
GME	Graduate Medical Education
GMSA	Green Mountain Self-Advocate
GOVnet	The State of Vermont's statewide communication infrastructure
GP	General Practitioner
GPC	General price ceiling
GPCI	Geographic practice cost index
GPO	Group Purchasing Organization
GS	Guardianship services
GSS	Guardianship services specialist
HA	Health alliance
HARC	Hartford Area Regional Collaborative
HAS	Health systems agency; health service area
HBP	Hospital based plan

HCA	Health Care Authority
HCBS	Home and Community-Based Services
HCBW	Home and Community-Based Waiver
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration (now CMS—Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
HCHS	Howard Center for Human Services
HCRS	Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont
HCS	Howard Community Services (DS Program of HCHS)
HCUP	Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project
HEART	Health Equity and Access Reform Today Act
HEASB	Health Standard Board
HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Organization
HHA	Home Health Agency
(D)HHS	Department of Health and Human Services (federal)
HI	Home Intervention (Crisis intervention program at WCMH)
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America
HIB	Health insurance benefits or hospital insurance benefit
HICN	Health insurance claim number
HIMA	Health Industry Manufacturers Association
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act
HIPC	Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative
HJR	House joint resolution
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HMSA	Health manpower shortage area
HOS	Health outcomes survey
HPA	Health policy agenda
HPO	Hospital Physician Organization
HPPC	Health plan purchasing cooperative
HQIA	Healthcare Quality Improvement Act
HRD	Human resources data
HRQoL	Health related quality of life scale
HSA	Health systems agency
HSQB	Health Standards and Quality Bureau
HSRA	Health Resources & Services Administration

HUD	Housing and Urban Development
I & R	Information and referral
IADL	Instrumental activities of daily living
IBNE	Incurred but not enough
IBNR	Incurred but not reported
ICCS	International classification of clinical services
ICDA	International classification of diseases, adapted
ICF	Intermediate care facility
ICFMR	Intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded
ICS	Information and computer services
ICU	Intensive care unit
IDS	Integrated delivery system
IEP	Individualized education program; initial enrollment period
IFSP	Individual family services plan
IG	Inspector General
IOM	Institute of Medicine (of the National Academy of Sciences)
IP	Inpatient
IPA	Independent Practice Association; Individual Practice Association
IPP	Individual program plan
IPR	Independent professional review
IPS	Individual Placement and Support (model for Supported Employment); integrated practice system
IQP	Institutes of Quality Program
ISA	Individual support agreement
ISB	Individualized services budget – Children’s Mental Health
ISC	Integrated systems of care
ISN	Integrated services network
ISO	Intermediary service organization
JCAH	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JL	Consent decree governing involuntary medication
JR	Judicial review
LCMH	Lamoille County Mental Health
LEA	Local education agency
LIT	Local interagency team

LOS	Length of stay
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LRE	Least restrictive environment
LSC	Life safety code
LSI	Lincoln Street, Incorporated
LTC	Long term care
LTCF	Long term care facility
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
MA	Medical assistance
MAA	Medical assistance for the aged
MAAC	Maximum allowable actual cost
MAC	Maximum allowable cost
MAF	Medical assistance facility
MAO	Medical assistance only
MAP	Medical audit program
MBD	Minimal brain dysfunction
MCAT	Medical college admission test
MCIS	Managed care information system
MCOs	Managed care organizations
MCH	Maternal and child health program
MCP	Managed care plan
MCPI	Medical Care Price Index
MCR	Modified community rating
MDC	Major diagnostic category
MDS	Nursing home minimum data set
MED	Mental or emotional disturbance (or disorder)
MEDLARS	Medical literature and analysis retrieval system
MET	Multiple employer trust
MEWA	Multiple employer welfare
MFS	Medical fee schedule
MH	Mental health
MHA	Mental Health Association
MHSA	Mental health and substance
MHSIP	Mental Health Statistics Improvement Project

MI	Mentally impaired/ill/indigent
MIG	Medicare insured groups
MIS	Management information system
MMIS	Medical management information system
MMP	Mixed model plan
MOU	Memorandum of understanding
MPB	Migrant Program Branch
MR	Mental retardation
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRR	Medical records research
MSA	Medical savings account; metropolitan statistical areas
MSR	Monthly service report
M.S.W.	Master's degree in Social Work; Medical Social Worker
NA	Narcotics Anonymous
NACo	National Association of Counties
NAEHCA	National Association of Employers on Health Care Action
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAHC	National Association for Home Care
NAHDO	National Association of Health Care Organizations
NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
NAPH	National Association of Public Hospitals
NAPPH	National Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals
NAPPI	Non-abusive physical & psychological intervention
NAS	National Academy of Science
NASC	National Alliance of Senior Citizens
NASDDS	National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services
NASMHPD	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
NASW	National Association of Social Workers
NBME	National Board of Medical Examiners
NCCBH	National Council of Community Behavioral Health
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NCHSR/HCTA	National Center for Health Services Research/Health Care Technology Assessment
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance

NCSS	Northwestern Counseling & Support Services
NDC	National drug code
NFI	Northeastern Family Institute
NGA	National Governor's Association
NHSC	National Health Services Corps
NICHCY	National Information Center for Handicapped Children and Youth
NICHQ	National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality Organizations
NICU	Neonatal intensive care unit
NIDA	National Institute of Drug Abuse
NIDRR	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
NIH	National Institute of Health
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
NIOSH	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NKHS	Northeast Kingdom Human Services
NLM	National Library of Medicine
NMHA	National Mental Health Association
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPRM	Notice of proposed rulemaking
OAA	Old age assistance
OADAP	Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs
OASDHI	Old Age Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance Program
OASIS	Outcomes assessment and information set
OBRA '90	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990
ODS	Organized delivery system
OEO	Office of Economic Opportunity
OH	Order of hospitalization
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ONE-MHSIP	Organization of Northeastern Mental Health Statistics Improvement Projects
ONH	Order of non-hospitalization (used by Vermont State Hospital to enforce treatment for discharged patients)
OPD	Outpatient Department
OT	Occupational therapy
OVHA	Office of Vermont Health Access
P&A	Protection & advocacy

PASARR	Preadmission, screening and annual resident review
PATH	Department of Prevention, Assistance, Transition and Health Access; Program to Assist in the Transition from Homelessness (federal)
PCCM	Primary care case management
PCMH	Program in Community Mental Health
PCN	Primary care network
PDD	Pervasive developmental disorder
Ph.D.	A Doctoral degree
PHO	Physician-Hospital Organization
PIC	Parent Information Center
PIP	Performance Indicator Project (for mental health); periodic interim payment
PMPM	Per member per month
PMPY	Per member per year
POS	Point of sale or point of service
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PRO	Peer review organization
PROS	Pediatric research in office settings
PT	Physical therapy or physical therapist
QA	Quality assurance
QAAC	Quality assurance and assessment committee
QAP	Quality assurance program
QARI	Quality Assurance Reform Initiative
QDDP	Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professional
QI	Quality improvement
QIAC	Quality Improvement Advisory Council
QIF	Quality Improvement Forum
QMHP	Qualified Mental Health Professional
QMRP	Qualified Mental Retardation Professional
QOL	Quality of life
R&C	Reasonable and customary
R&R	Resource and referral
R&S	Research and statistics
R&T	Research and training centers
RAAC	Risk Adjustment Advisory Committee
RAN	Rural area computer network

REV/ONH	Revocation of an order of non-hospitalization
RFP	Request for proposals
RHC	Rural health clinic
RHFP	Rural Hospital Flexibility Program
RMHS	Rutland Mental Health Services
RN	Registered nurse
ROA	Return on assets
ROE	Return on equity
RRC	Regional resource centers
RRI	Regional Research Institute for Human Services
Rule 10	State mandated assessment of managed care plans by the Health Care Administration
RWJF	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAS	Sterling Area Services
SBS	Success Beyond Six
SCC	Specialized Community Care
SD	Self-Determination
SDP	Self-Determination Project
SEA	State education agency
SED	Seriously emotionally disturbed
SGO	Surgeon General's Office
SHMO	Social HMO
SIT	State Interagency Team
SMHRCY	State Mental Health Representatives for Children and Youth
SMI	Supplementary medical insurance
SMM	State Medicaid Manual
SRS	Social and Rehabilitation Services
SS	Social Services
SSA	Social Security Administration; Specialized Service Agency for the Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Insurance
SSN	Social Security number
SX6	Success By Six

T&TA	Training and technical assistance; technology assessment
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TDOC	Total days of care
TEFRA '82	Tax Equity & Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982
TPA	Third party administrator
TPCM	Third party claims management
TPL	Third party liability
TQM	Total quality management
Tx	Treatment
TXIX	Medicaid (State Plan)
UAP	University Affiliated Program for Developmental Disabilities
UB	Uniform billing or uniform bill
UBP	Uniform benefit package
UM	Utilization management
UCS	United Counseling Services
UR	Utilization review
URAC	Utilization Review Accreditation Commission
URC	Utilization Review Committee
URO	Utilization Review Organization
USC	United States code
UVS	Upper Valley Services
VA	Veteran's Administration
VAHHA	Vermont Assembly of Home Health Agencies, Inc.
VAHHS	Vermont Association of Hospitals & Health Systems
VAMH	Vermont Association for Mental Health
VCDC	Vermont Community Diabetes Collaborative
VCDMHS	Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services
VCDR	Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights
VCF	Vermont Children's Forum
VCHIP	Vermont Child Health Improvement Project
VCIL	Vermont Center for Independent Living
VCIN	Vermont Crisis Intervention Network
VHAP	Vermont Health Access Program
VHPSI	VT Hospital Preventative Services Initiative

VIRHN	Vertically Integrated Rural Health Network
VNA	Visiting Nurse Association
VP&A	Vermont Protection and Advocacy
VPQHC	Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care
VPS	Vermont Psychiatric Survivors
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VSH	Vermont State Hospital
VSL	Vermont Supported Living
WAP	Wholesale acquisition price
WC	Worker's compensation
WCMH	Washington County Mental Health
WCS	West Center NH Community Services
WISC	Wechsler tests
WRAT	Wide range achievement test

Information Sources

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