

## Health and Human Services Acronyms

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Following are commonly used acronyms for programs, laws, and groups involved in public health and human services issues, grouped by general subject areas.

<b>MEDICAID TERMS</b>	
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that oversees state Medicaid programs
DSH ("dish")	Federal disproportionate share payments for medical facilities that serve a larger percentage of low-income persons than comparable facilities
Dual Eligible	A person who is eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment, a required benefit for children enrolled in Medicaid
FMAP	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, which determines the amount of federal matching funds a state receives for its Medicaid program
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services, a type of Medicaid waiver also known as a Section 1915(c) waiver
HIFA	Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability Waiver, a type of Medicaid waiver also known as a Section 1115 waiver
RBRVS	Resource-Based Relative Value Scale, used in determining reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid services
Section 1115, 1915, 1315 waivers	Waivers of federal Medicaid law under the Social Security Act that allow states flexibility and creativity in providing Medicaid services to different groups of people in exchange for budget neutrality
<b>MENTAL HEALTH TERMS</b>	
BHIF	Behavioral Health Inpatient Facility
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
LAC	Local Advisory Council, an advisory group in Montana's adult mental health system
MHOAC	Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council, a statewide advisory group for the Montana mental health system
NAMI	National Alliance on Mental Illness, an advocacy group for the mentally ill
MHSP	Mental Health Services Plan, the general fund program for low-income adults with mental illness
SAA	Service Area Authority, a regional advisory group in Montana's adult mental health system
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the federal agency that provides funding for state mental health and chemical dependency programs

<b>MENTAL HEALTH TERMS -- continued</b>	
SDMI	Severe and Disabling Mental Illness, the diagnosis required for obtaining adult mental health services in Montana
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance, the diagnosis required for obtaining children's mental health services in Montana
SOC	System of Care, the state system for high-risk children with multi-agency needs
<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TERMINOLOGY</b>	
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program, the federal-state program that pays for health services for certain low-income children
HMK	Healthy Montana Kids plan of health insurance coverage through Medicaid or CHIP for children in families with incomes of up to 250% of the federal poverty level, created by voter approval of Initiative 155 in 2008
LIEAP	Low Income Energy Assistance Program, the federal program that helps low-income people with their utility bills
PRWORA	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, the 1996 federal welfare reform law
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly the Food Stamp program
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the federally funded public assistance program that provides benefits to low-income families enrolled in work activities
WIC	Supplemental food program for women, infants, and children
IV-D	Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act, establishing requirements for child support enforcement in the states
IV-E	Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act, providing foster care and adoption assistance payments
<b>GENERAL HEALTH CARE TERMINOLOGY</b>	
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AMPHO	Association of Montana Public Health Officials
APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CHC/FQHC	Community Health Center or Federally Qualified Health Center
MMA	Montana Medical Association
MNA	Montana Nurses Association
MPHA	Montana Public Health Association
PA	Physician Assistant
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income program