

Oversight Activities: DPHHS and Health and Human Services Common Acronyms

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

MEDICAID TERMS	
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that oversees Medicaid programs in the states
DSH	Disproportionate Share Hospital ("DISH") payments, made by the federal government to hospitals that serve a high number of low-income people
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment, a required benefit for children enrolled in Medicaid
FMAP	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, the amount the federal government pays toward a state's Medicaid costs
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
HCBS	Home and Community-Based Services, a type of Medicaid waiver also known as a Section 1915 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
MENTAL HEALTH TERMS	
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
LAC	Local Advisory Council, an advisory group for Montana's 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 who are not eligible for Medicaid
SAA	Service Area Authority, a regional advisory group for Montana's mental health system
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the federal agency that funds state mental health and chemical dependency programs
SDMI	Severe Disabling Mental Illness, the diagnosis generally required for obtaining adult mental health services in Montana
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance, the diagnosis generally required for obtaining children's mental health services in Montana

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TERMS	
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program, the federal-state program that pays for health services for certain low-income children who don't qualify for Medicaid
HMK	Healthy Montana Kids Plan, the program created by Initiative 155 in 2008 to pay for health care services for children with incomes of up to 250% of FPL using either federal Medicaid or CHIP funds and state matching funds
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 that created the TANF program
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the federally funded program that provides cash and other assistance to low-income families enrolled in work activities
WIC	Supplemental food program for women, infants, and children up to 5 years of age
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
GENERAL HEALTH CARE TERMS	
ACA	Affordable Care Act, the 2010 federal health care law
AHCA	American Health Care Act, the 2017 proposal to replace the ACA
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AMPHO	Association of Montana Public Health Officials
APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
CAH	Critical Access Hospital, a rural hospital that provides limited inpatient acute care and meets certain other criteria set in law and in DPHHS rule
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CHC/ FQHC	Community Health Center or Federally Qualified Health Center, a facility financed in part by federal grants and that charges on a sliding scale based on income
MMA	Montana Medical Association
MNA	Montana Nurses Association
MPCA	Montana Primary Care Association, representing the state's CHCs
MPHA	Montana Public Health Association
PA	Physician Assistant
1332 Waivers	Waivers available under Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act that allow a state to try new ways of providing access to high-quality, affordable health insurance that still contains basic ACA protections