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COMMON ACRONYMS

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The following tables provide explanations for many of the commonly used acronyms for terms, programs, and organizations involved in public health and human services topics.

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
General Health Care Terms	
ACA	Affordable Care Act, the 2010 federal health care law that established certain requirements for health insurance coverage, expanded Medicaid eligibility, and provided subsidies for health insurance premiums for people up to 400% of the poverty level
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CAH	Critical Access Hospital, a rural hospital that provides limited inpatient acute care and meets certain other criteria set in law and administrative rule
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CHC/ FQHC	Community Health Center or Federally Qualified Health Center, a facility that is financed in part by federal grants and that uses a sliding scale for fees, based on a patient's income
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

Mental Health Terms	
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
LAC	Local Advisory Council, a local-level 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 helps fund state mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs
SDMI	Severe Disabling Mental Illness, the diagnosis generally required for obtaining publicly funded adult mental health services in Montana
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance, the diagnosis generally required for obtaining publicly funded children’s mental health services in Montana.
Public Assistance Terms	
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program, the federal-state program that pays for health care for low-income children whose family income is too high to 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 266% 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 pay their utility bills
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 assistance and other supports to low-income parents who are 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