



Common Behavioral Health Acronyms

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| AA | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| AAA | Area Agency on Aging |
| ACA | Affordable Care Act (Also known as "Obamacare") |
| ACT | Assertive Community Treatment |
| ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act |
| ADD | Attention Deficit Disorder |
| ADES | Arizona Department of Economic Security (See also: DES) |
| ADHD | Attention Deficit with Hyperactivity Disorder |
| ADHS | Arizona Department of Health Services (See also: DHS) |
| ADHS/DBHS | Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services (See also: DBHS) |
| ADJC | Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections |
| ADL | Activities of Daily Living |
| ADOC | Arizona Department of Corrections |
| AFC | Adult Foster Care |
| AHCCCS | Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System |
| AI/AN or AIAN | American Indian/Alaskan Native |
| ALTCS | Arizona Long Term Care System |
| APO | Adult Probation Officer |
| APS | Adult Protection Services |
| ART | Adult Recovery Team |
| ASH (or AzSH) | Arizona State Hospital |
| ATOD | Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs |

B

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| BH | Behavioral Health |
| BHMP | Behavioral Health Medical Professional |
| BH(P)P | Behavioral Health (Para)Professional |
| BHT | Behavioral Health Technician |
| BIA | (U.S.) Bureau of Indian Affairs |

C

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| CA | Cocaine Anonymous |
| CAB | Consumer Advisory Board |
| CAC | Certified Alcohol Counselor |

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| CASA | Court Appointed Special Advocate |
| CDC | (U.S.) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| CIB / CDIB | Certificate of (Degree of) Indian Blood |
| CFT | Child & Family Team |
| CHIP | Children's Health Insurance Program (See also: SCHIP) |
| CHR / CHW | Community Health Representative / Worker |
| CM | Case Manager |
| COE | Court Ordered Evaluation |
| CPS | (AZ) Child Protective Services (Now called the Department of Child Safety. See also: DCS) |
| D | |
| DBHS | (AHDS) Division of Behavioral Health Services (See also: ADHS/DBHS) |
| DCS | (AZ) Department of Child Safety |
| DD | Developmentally Disabled |
| DES | (AZ) Department of Economic Security |
| DHHS | (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services |
| DHS | (AZ) Department of Health Services (See also: ADHS) |
| DO | Physician Osteopath |
| E | |
| ECT | Electroconvulsive therapy |
| ED | Emotional Disorder, OR Emergency Department (Sometimes called "Emergency Room," or "ER.") |
| F | |
| FC | Foster Care |
| FPL | Federal Poverty Limit |
| FQHC | Federally Qualified Health Center |
| FS | Food Stamps (Now called the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program or SNAP) |
| G | |
| GA | Gamblers Anonymous, OR General Assistance |
| GMH | General Mental Health |
| GMH/SA | General Mental Health and Substance Abuse |
| H | |
| HCBS | Home and Community Based Services |
| HHS | (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services |
| HIPAA | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 |
| HMO | Health Maintenance Organization |
| HUD | (U.S.) Department of Housing and Urban Development |

I

IEP Individual Educational Plan, OR Initial Enrollment Period
IHS (U.S.) Indian Health Service
INS Immigration and Naturalization Service
IP Inpatient
ISP Individual Service Plan

J

JPO Juvenile Probation Offices / Officer

K

KC KidsCare (See also: CHIP, SCHIP)

L

LD Learning Disorder
LGBTQ Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Questioning (or Queer)
LIC-FAC Licensed Facility
LTC Long Term Care

M

MCO Managed Care Organization / Operation
MD Medical Doctor/Physician
MHA Mental Health America
MI Mental Illness

N

NA Native American, OR Nutrition Assistance, OR Narcotics Anonymous
NP Nurse Practitioner
Non-Title XIX / NTXIX / NT19 Not eligible for benefits as described in Title XIX of the SSA (See also: Title XIX)

O

OA Overeaters Anonymous
OP Outpatient
OT Occupational Therapy

P

PA Prior Authorization, OR Physician's Assistant
PCP Primary Care Physician / Provider
PHI Protected Health Information
PTSD Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Q

R

RBHA Regional Behavioral Health Authority

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| RN | Registered Nurse |
| RSS | Recovery Support Specialist |
| S | |
| SA | Substance Abuse |
| SAMHSA | (U.S.) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration |
| SCHIP | State Children's Health Insurance Program. In AZ, this program is known as KidsCare. See also: KC, CHIP. |
| SES | Socio-economic status |
| SH | Supportive housing |
| SMI | Serious Mental Illness / Seriously Mentally Ill |
| SNAP | Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (previously known as Food Stamps) |
| SSA | Social Security Act, OR U.S. Social Security Administration |
| SSD | Social Security Disability |
| SSDI | Social Security Disability Insurance |
| SSI | Supplemental Security Income |
| SSI MAO | Supplemental Security Income Medical Assistance Only |
| SSN | Social Security Number |
| SSR | Social Security Retirement |
| T | |
| T/RBHA or tRBHA | Tribal RBHA (See also: RBHA) |
| TANF | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families |
| TBI | Traumatic Brain Injury |
| TITLE XIX / TXIX / T19 | The section of the SSA that requires Medicaid to cover eligible persons, (i.e., medically indigent). |
| TITLE XVI / TVI / T6 | The section of the SSA that provides eligibility requirements for the SSI Cash program. |
| TITLE XVIII / TXVIII / T18 | The section of the SSA that requires Medicare to provide coverage for eligible persons (i.e., aged, blind and disabled). |
| TITLE XX / TXX / T10 | The section of the SSA that requires the coordination of social services through community involvement. |
| TITLE XXI / TXXI / T21 | The section of the SSA that authorizes the SCHIP program (known as KidsCare in AZ). |
| U | |
| UPC | Urgent Psychiatric Center |
| V | |
| VA | (U.S.) Department of Veterans Affairs |
| VR | Vocational Rehabilitation |