

NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities

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Acronym List

The attached list of acronyms does not reflect recent developments. OPWDD is in the process now of creating a new acronym list that will be posted online during the summer of 2012. Anyone looking for information not found here can contact the Regulatory Affairs Unit at rau.unit@opwdd.ny.gov or (518) 474-1830.

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A

AAA - Area Agency on Aging
 AA/HRC - Affirmative Action/Human Relations
 AAMR - American Association on Mental Retardation
 AAUAP - American Association of University Affiliated Programs
 ABSS - Applied Behavioral Sciences Specialist
 AC - Augmentative Communication
 ACD - Alternate Care Determination
 ACDD - Accreditation Council on Developmental Disabilities
 ACS - Administration for Childrens Services
 ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act
 ADC - Adult Day Care
 ADD - Administration on Developmental Disabilities
 ADL - Activities of Daily Living
 AES - Adaptive Equipment Specialist
 AFDC - Aid to Families with Dependent Children
 AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
 AILCNY - Association of Independent Living Centers in New York Inc.
 ALIA - Alliance of Long Island Agencies, Inc.
 AMAP - Approved Medication Administration Personnel
 AOC - Administrator on Call
 AOD - Administrator on Duty
 ASFC - Agency Sponsored Family Care
 AT - Assistive Technology

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B

BOCES - Board of Cooperative Educational Services
 BOE - Board of Education(NYC)
 BOV - Board of Visitors

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C

CAB - Consumer Advisory Board
 CADD - Computer-Aided Design & Drafting
 CAH - Care At Home
 CAP - Client Assistance Program
 CAPA - Child Abuse Prevention Act
 CARE - Consumer/Advocate Review and Evaluation
 CARF - Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

CBO - Community Based Organization
 CBR - Consolidated Budget Report
 CBT - Competency-Based Training
 CBVH - Commission for the Blind & Visually Handicapped
 CCF - Council on Children & Families
 CCM - Comprehensive Case Management
 CCSI - Coordinated Children's Services Initiatives
 CDC - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
 CDL - Commercial Drivers License
 CEO - Chief Executive Officer
 CFR - Code of Federal Regulations
 CFR - Consolidated Fiscal Report
 CFS - Children and Family Services (New York State)
 CHAS - Comprehensive Housing Affordable Strategy
 CHHA - Certified Home Health Agency
 CHIP - Children's Health Insurance Program, the federal program that provides funds for state Children's health care such as New York's Child Health Plus
 CHP - Child Health Plus, New York's health insurance plan for low income children
 CI - Community Inclusion
 CIN - Client Identification Number, the number used for Medicaid identification purposes.
 CIT - Center for Intensive Treatment
 CLMHD - Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors
 CM - Case Management
 CCMCM - Comprehensive Medicaid Case Management
 CMM - Community Minor Maintenance
 COIL - Coalition on Independent Living
 COMPASS - Consumerism, Outcome, Management Plan, Agency Self-Survey
 CON - Certificate of Need
 COP - Conditions of Participation
 COQ - Consumer Opinion Questionnaire
 CP - Cerebral Palsy
 C-PA - Child Protective Agency
 CPEP - Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program
 CPL - Criminal Procedure Law
 CPSE - Committee on Preschool Special Education
 CQC - Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled
 CR - Community Residence
 CRP - Children's Residential Program
 CSE - Committee on Special Education
 CSEA - Civil Service Employees Association
 CSP - Community Services Plan (formerly CSEP)
 CSW - Certified Social Worker

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D

DA - Developmental Aide
 DASNY - Dormitory Authority of the State New York
 DARS - Division of Administration & Revenue Support
 DC - Developmental Center
 DD - Developmental Disabilities
 DDP - Developmental Disabilities Profile
 DDP4 Developmental Disabilities Profile (Request for Services Form)
 DDPC - Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

DDSO - Developmental Disabilities Services Office
 DFA - Department of Family Assistance (NY - State Dept. that replaced Dept.of Social Services - DSS)
 DFTA - Department for the Aging (NYC)
 DHCR - Division of Housing &Community Renewal
 DME - Durable Medical Equipment
 DMHMR - Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation &Alcoholism Services (NYC)
 DNR - Do Not Resuscitate
 DOB - Division of Budget
 DOH - Department of Health
 DQA - Division of Quality Assurance
 DRC - Diagnostic and Research Clinic
 DRG - Diagnostic Related Group
 DTx Day Treatment
 DVA - Division of Veterans Affairs

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E

EAP - Employee Assistance Program
 EBT - Electronic Benefit Transfer
 ECDC - Early Childhood Direction Centers (State Education Department)
 ECIA - Education Consolidation Improvement Act
 EEOC - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
 EI - Early Intervention
 EIS - Environmental Impact Statement
 EISEP - Expanded In-Home Services for Elderly Persons
 EMOD - Environmental Modification
 EPSDT - Early Periodic Screening &Diagnostic Treatment Program
 EO - Executive Order
 ESDC - Empire State Developmental Corporation (NYS)

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F

FA - Family Assistance (the NYS - time-limited program that replaced AFDC)
 FAS - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
 FC - Family Care
 FCH - Family Care Home
 FFC - Foster Family Care
 FFP - Federal Financial Participation
 FHA - Farmers= Home Administration
 FLSA - Fair Labor Standards Act
 FMS - Financial Management System
 FOIL - Freedom of Information Law
 FSS - Family Support Services
 FSS - Federal Salary Sharing
 FTE - Full Time Equivalent
 FFY - Federal Fiscal Year
 FY - Fiscal Year

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G

GAAP - Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
 GOER - Governor's Office of Employee Relations

GORR - Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform

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HCBSW - Home & Community Based Services Waiver

HCFA - Health Care Financing Administration

HCRA - Health Care Reform Act (New York State's law that regulates hospitals and health provider funding. It replaced NYPHRM - (New York Prospective Hospital Reimbursement Methodology)).

HHC - Health and Hospital Corporation

HHS - Health and Human Services

HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HMO - Health Maintenance Organization

HRA - Human Resources Administration (NYC)

HSA - Health Systems Agency

HUD - Housing and Urban Development

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I

IAC - InterAgency Council of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies, Inc. (NYC)

IBR - Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities

ICF - Intermediate Care Facility

ICF/DD - Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled

ICF/MR - Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded

IDA - Industrial Development Agency

IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (federal)

IEP - Individualized Education Plan

IFSP - Individualized Family Service Plan

ILC - Independent Living Center

IOCC - Inter-Office Coordinating Council

IPP - Individual Program Plan

IPR - Independent Professional Review

IRA - Individualized Residential Alternative

IRWE - Impairment Related Work Expense

ISE - Individualized Service Environment

ISP - Individualized Service Plan

ISPM - Individual Services Planning Model

ISS - Individual Support Services

ISS - Information Support Services

IT - Interdisciplinary Team

ITT - Interdisciplinary Treatment Team

IUR - Independent Utilization Review

IWRP - Individual Written Rehabilitation Plan

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JCAH - Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals

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LCED - Level of Care Eligibility Determination
 LD - Learning Disability
 LDANYS - Learning Disabilities Association of New York State
 LDSS - Local social services district
 LGU - Local Government Unit
 LHA - Local Housing Authorities
 LHCSA - Licensed Home Care Services Agency
 LOC - Level of Care
 LRE - Least Restrictive Environment
 LSC - Life Safety Code
 LTHHCP - Long Term Home Health Care Program

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M

M/WBE - Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise
 MA - Medicaid
 MC - Management/Confidential
 MCFFA - Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency
 MCO - Managed Care Organization
 MDU - Multiple Disability Unit
 MHL - Mental Hygiene Law
 MHLS - Mental Hygiene Legal Service
 MMIS - Medicaid Management Information System
 MOA - Memorandum of Agreement
 MOU - Memorandum of Understanding
 MPDI - Minority Professional Development Institute
 MRDDAC - Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council
 MRN - Minority Regional Network

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N

NASDDDS - National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services Inc.
 NASPRFMR - National Association of Superintendents of Public Residential Facilities for the Mentally Retarded
 NF - Nursing Facility
 NFPA - National Fire Protection Association
 NIA - National Institute on Aging
 NICU - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
 NIDRR - National Institute of Disability & Rehabilitation Research
 NIE - National Institute of Education
 NIH - National Institutes of Health
 NIMBY - Not in my back yard
 NIMH - National Institute of Mental Health
 NOD - Notice of Determination
 NOD - Notice of Discipline
 NOT - Notice of Termination
 NP - Nurse Practitioner
 NPC - Neighborhood Preservation Corporation
 NPS - Non-Personal Services
 NYCRO - New York City Regional Office
 NYCRR - New York Codes, Rules and Regulations

NYSARC - (formerly, New York State Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.)
 NYSACRA - New York State Association of Community and Residential Agencies
 NYSCOPBA - New York State Correction Officer and Police Benevolent Association
 NYSRA - New York State Rehabilitation Association
 NYSSAC - New York State Society for Autistic Citizens

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O

OAA - Older Americans Act
 OAPwD - Office of Advocate for Persons with Disabilities
 OASAS - Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
 OBRA - Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (federal)
 OCFS - Office of Children and Family Services within the new DFA
 OEOD - Office of Equal Opportunity Development
 OFT - Governor's Office for Technology
 OGS - Office of General Services
 OHCDS - Organized Health Care Delivery System
 OHSM - Office of Health Systems Management
 OMCE - Organization of Management Confidential Employees
 OMH - Office of Mental Health
 OMRDD - Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
 OQI - Other Qualifying Instrument
 OSC - Office of the State Comptroller
 OSERS - Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation Services (federal)
 OSES - Office for Special Education Services (State Education Department)
 OSHA - Occupational Safety & Health Administration
 OT - Occupational Therapy
 OTA - Office of Temporary Assistance
 OTDA - The NYS - Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance within the new DFA
 OTR - Registered Occupational Therapist

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P

PA - Physician's Assistant
 PA - Provider Agreement
 PA - Public Assistance
 PAC - Products of Ambulatory Care
 PASARR - Preadmission Screen and Annual Resident Review
 PASS - Plan for Achieving Self Support
 PAT - Personal Adjustment Training
 PaySR - Payroll System Replacement
 P/PM - Policy & Procedures Manual
 PCP - Person Centered Planning
 PEF - Public Employees Federation
 PHSP - Prepaid Health Services Plan
 PIA - Patient Income Account
 PIA - Personal Incidental Allowance
 PISP - Preliminary Individualized Service Plan
 POCA - Plan of Corrective Action
 PONSII - Program on Non-Collegiate Sponsored Instruction
 POP - Personal Outcomes Project
 PPA - Prior Property Approval
 PPAC - Preferred Physicians and Children

PRWORA - Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act
PRI - Patient Review Instrument
PS - Personal Service
PSA - Protective Services for Adults
PT - Physical Therapy
PWS - Prader-Willi Syndrome

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Q

QA - Quality Assurance
QCC - Quality of Care Commission
QMRP - Qualified Mental Retardation Professional

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RB TU - Regional Behavioral Treatment Unit
RBITU - Regional Behavioral Intensive Treatment Unit
R/E - Recipient Restriction Exception Code
RFA - Request for Application
RFP - Request for Proposal
RFS - Request for Services
RPC - Rural Preservation Corporation
RRTC - Rehabilitation Research & Training Center
RSFO - Revenue Support Field Office
RSVP - Retired Senior Volunteer Program
RUGS - Resource Utilization Group System

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S

SAPA - State Administrative Procedure Act
SC - Service Coordinator
SCA - Standards Compliance Analyst
SCP - Senior Companion Program
SCIP - Strategies for Crisis Intervention & Prevention
SCIP-R - Strategies for Crisis Intervention & Prevention-Revised
SD - Self Determination
SED - State Education Department
SEQRA - State Environmental Quality Review Act
SETRC - Special Education Training & Resource Center
SFL - State Finance Law
SHSC - State Health Services Corps.
SILC - Statewide Independent Living Council
SLP - Speech/Language Pathology
SMP - Strategic Management Plan
SNA - Safety Net Assistance
SNT - Supplemental Needs Trust
SOCR - State Operated Community Residence
SOD - Statement of Deficiency
SODH - State Operated Day Habilitation
SOFA - State Office for the Aging
SOICF - State Operated Intermediate Care Facility
SOIRA - State Operated Individual Residential Alternatives

SP - Speech Pathology
SRU - Small Residential Unit
SSA - Social Security Administration
SSDI - Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI - Supplemental Security Income
STAR - Special Targeted, Abbreviated Review

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T

TABS - Tracking and Billing System
TADA - Temporary and Disability Assistance (NYS)
TANF - Temporary Assistance Needy Families
TASH - The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps
TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury
TBISCC - Traumatic Brain Injury Services Coordinating Council
TDD - Telephone Device for the Deaf
TF - Transitional Funding
TLA - Time Limited Admission
TPHI - Third Party Health Insurance
TRAID - Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities
TRO - Temporary Restraining Order
TTL - Treatment Team Leader
TTY - Teletypewriter
TUBS - Temporary Use Beds

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U

UAP/DD - University Affiliated Programs in Developmental Disabilities
UCPA - United Cerebral Palsy Association
UR - Utilization Review
URC - Uniform Reporting Component

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V

VA - Veterans Administration
VESID - Vocational & Educational Services for Individual with Disabilities
VOCR - Voluntary Operated Community Residence
VODH - Voluntary Operated Day Habilitation
VOICF - Voluntary Operated Intermediate Care Facility
VOIRA - Voluntary Operated Individualized Residential Alternative

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W

WAT - Work Adjustment Training
WIC - Women, Infants and Children
WMS - Welfare Management System
WTI - Working Toward Independence

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Key Terms for Self-Directed OPWDD Services



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Budget Authority: Gives the individual control over the money allocated in their personal budget to buy the supports and services they need to live in the community.

Consolidated Supports and Services (CSS): Funds within the HCBS Waiver that were used prior to 10/1/2014 to pay for individualized, self-directed services. These services were to be created, implemented, and monetarily controlled by the person who received them.

Developmental Disability (DD): A significant disability that begins before age 22 that can limit a person's ability to function independently. Some examples of DDs are: cerebral palsy, autism, and intellectual disability (formerly referred to as mental retardation). People with DDs require coordinated support throughout their lives.

Developmental Disabilities Regional Office (DDRO): The regional offices of OPWDD are responsible for determining eligibility, conducting the intake process, and helping to coordinate and oversee programs, supports, and services within their region.

Employer Authority: Employer Authority allows individuals to exercise the right to hire, manage, and change the people employed to support them.

Family Support Services: The Family Support Services Program helps families who are caring for a relative with a developmental disability at home. These services are state funded and include Family Reimbursed Respite, Recreation, Counseling, Training and Information and Referral Services.

Fiscal Management Services (FMS) or Fiscal Intermediary (FI): These are non-profit organizations authorized by OPWDD to assist individuals with the management and payment of their self-directed budgets.

Front Door: Refers to the process of applying for OPWDD services for the first time for individuals with developmental disabilities for whom eligibility for services has not yet been determined. Or, for individuals whom OPWDD has determined eligible for services, but who have not received any services for a year or more.

Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS): Medicaid-funded supports and services for people with developmental disabilities that allow them to live at home and remain engaged within their community. The federal government waives traditional state Medicaid income requirements so that the Medicaid money may fund waiver services. The waiver is a grant that the state applies for with the federal government.



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Individual Directed Goods and Services (IDGS): As of 10/1/2014, this is a new HCBS waiver service that allows individuals who choose to self-direct their own budgets to purchase the goods and services they need to achieve their goals.

Individual Service Plan (ISP): A personal plan written by an individual with developmental disabilities that summarizes the supports and services he or she needs to achieve his or her personal goals.

Medicaid in relation to HCBS: A person must apply and be enrolled in Medicaid in order to be eligible for HCBS services. Medicaid eligibility for these services is NOT determined by an individual's parents' income and assets. It is determined by the individual having a documented developmental disability.

Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD): New York State agency that funds and oversees Medicaid waiver services for people of all ages with developmental disabilities.

Other Than Personal Services (OTPS): This is the part of an individual's budget that is state-funded only; NOT funded by the federal government. A person can opt to use up to \$3000 per year in OTPS funds.

Person-Centered Planning: Supports and services that are based on an individual's interests, preferences, abilities, and desires that meaningfully increase their presence in the community.

Personal Resource Allocation (PRA): The yearly budget assigned to an individual that pays for their self-directed services. This budget is based on the service/supports plan. The service/supports plan is based on an individualized assessment of needs, preferences, wants, and abilities.

Self-Directed Services: The type of services an individual with a developmental disability has when he or she chooses have control over and make choices regarding his or her own supports, services, and budgets.

