Acronym List

The attached list of acronyms does not reflect recent developments. OPWDD is in the process 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 Children's 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.
ALLA - 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

B

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

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

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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
CMCM - 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

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

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)

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

G
GAAP - Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GOER - Governor's Office of Employee Relations
GORR - Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform

H
GORR - Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform
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

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

J
JCAH - Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals

K
(There are no acronyms beginning with K - at this time.)
L

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

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

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

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
OHCDSS - 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

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
PONSI - 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

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

R
RBTU - 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

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

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

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

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

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

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Z

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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.

**NYS Transition Partners, an RSA-funded Parent Information Center**
**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.