



## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES

### Acronym Glossary

Acronyms are often used by public and private agencies as timesaving, shorthand ways to communicate lengthy titles or basic concepts. This glossary provides a quick reference to the terms, acronyms and abbreviations commonly used by this Department.

#### AA/CRC

Affirmative Action/Civil Rights Compliance - Department of Health Services, Division of Enterprise Services, Bureau of Human Resources.

#### AAA

Area Agency on Aging; substate planning and coordinating agency authorized by federal Older Americans Act; 3 in Wisconsin.

#### AAIS

Affirmative Action Information System.

#### AAP

Add a Program

#### AaR

Adults at Risk - as defined in Wis. Stat. § 55.043(1e), means any adult who has a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs his or her ability to care for his or her needs and who has experienced, is currently experiencing, or is at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation.

#### ABAWD

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents

#### ABP

Alternative Benefit Plan

#### ACA

Affordable Care Act

#### ACCESS

Online tool to determine eligibility for health and nutrition public assistance programs, to apply for benefits and for members to manage their accounts.

#### ACEs

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are negative occurrences in childhood, including abuse, neglect, or household dysfunction, which are linked to compromised health and well-being in adulthood.

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**ACM**

Asbestos-containing materials; asbestos or any material or product which contains more than one percent of asbestos.

**ACO**

Accountable Care Organization

Aspen Central Office

**ADA**

Americans with Disabilities Act; PL 101- 336, as amended; 42 USC 12101 - 12213.

**ADAMBG**

Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant.

**ADAP**

AIDS/HIV Drug Assistance Program

**Administrative Directives**

Formal DHS directives that establish basic Department policy and procedure for general operations, that apply only to Department staff and that are issued by the Secretary's Office from time to time in a standard written format following a determination that the particular policy and procedure should be disseminated throughout the Department. Included in the Department's Operations Directives Manual.

**ADP**

Average daily population.

**ADRC**

Aging and Disability Resource Centers, or ADRCs, offer the general public a single source of objective information and assistance on issues effecting older people and people with disabilities. Also, ADRCs are the local entry-way to obtain publicly funded long term care.

**Adult Family Home (a)**

A home certified by a county social services or human services department, in which 1 or 2 adults unrelated to the operator reside and which provides a structured living arrangement for residents.

**Adult Family Home (b)**

A home for 3 to 4 developmentally disabled adults who receive care and maintenance above the level of board and room, but not nursing care, from the person whose home it is, and who for the most part lived in the home when they were younger and it was regulated as a foster home for children. Certified under ch. HSS 82 rules.

**Adult Family Home (c)**

A home for 3 or 4 adults who receive care, treatment and services above the level of board and room, but not nursing care. Licensed under ch. HSS 88 rules.

**AED**

Automated External Defibrillator

**AFDC**

Aid to Families with Dependent Children; former income maintenance program providing payments to low - income households with children. Replaced by W-2.

**AFH**

Adult Family Home

### Age Discrimination Act of 1967

Federal law, 29 USC 621 to 634, prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of age.

### Age Discrimination Act of 1975

Federal law, 42 USC 6101 et seq., prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in federally funded programs or activities.

### Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

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### Aging Network

Refers to Department's Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), county and tribal aging units (C-TAUs), nutrition projects for the elderly, senior centers, and all other public and nonprofit organizations in Wisconsin that plan for, develop, and provide services for older adults.

### AHA

American Heart Association

### AHERA

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, PL 99-519, 15 USC 2641 et. seq., relating to asbestos abatement in schools.

### AHSI

Automated Health Services, Inc. (enrollment broker)

### AIAC

American Indian Advisory Committee; advisory to the DHS Secretary.

### AIDS

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

### Ambulatory Surgical Center

A facility operated exclusively to provide surgical services to patients who do not require overnight hospitalization. Term usually refers to distinct, freestanding centers certified under federal Medicare program. There are also hospital-affiliated ambulatory surgery centers.

### AMIA

American Medical Informatics Association

### Antabuse

A drug used to help in the treatment of alcohol abuse; a person on this drug becomes violently ill following ingestion of alcoholic beverages.

### AO

Administrator's Office

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Administrator's Office.

### AOA

Administration on Aging in HHS; responsible at federal level for Older Americans Act programs.

### AODA

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Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse.

**APHA**

American Public Health Association.

**APP**

ACCESS for Partners and Providers

**Applied Receipts**

Revenues, usually federal, available to offset expenditures for specific services or programs.

**Appointing Authority**

Any staff person in the Department who has been given the power to appoint individuals to, or to remove them from, subordinate positions.

**APS**

Automated Personnel System; payroll-related timekeeping system.

**ARC**

Association for Retarded Citizens

**ARFOD**

Assistant to Regional Field Operations Director (DQA)

**ASC**

ambulatory surgical center

**Assisted Living Facility**

Popular name for a place where 5 or more adults reside which consists of independent apartments and which provides each tenant with up to 28 hours of supportive, personal and nursing services per week; 1997 Wisconsin Act 13 amended statutes to change official name to residential care apartment complex.

**ASTHO**

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials - Non-profit public health organization that represents the leaders of State and Territorial health agencies.

**AWARE**

Activities within a Restricted Environment; a unit at Winnebago Mental Health Institute that provides long-term care for persons who have not responded to treatment in other settings and who have demonstrated an inability to function outside of an institution.

**B&C**

Billings and Collections

**B-Form**

Any of various forms required in preparation of the Department's budget request to show the details of that request.

**BAA**

Business associate agreement

**BAC**

Blood alcohol content.

**BadgerCare**

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Wisconsin's program to implement a child health plan block grant under Title XXI of the Federal Social Security Act and to expand Medicaid eligibility to ensure that all children and parents in families with income below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level who do not have health insurance have access to health care.

#### BADR

Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources in the Division of Long Term Care.

#### BALTCR

(Formerly) Bureau of Aging and Long-Term Care Resources in the DHS Division of Supportive Living. Is now part of function in BLTS and BADR in the Division of Long Term Care in DHS.

#### BBM

Bureau of Benefits Management

#### BCA

Basic County Allocation; that part of a county's allocation from the total funds appropriated under s. 20.435 (7)(b), (i) and (o), Stats., for community aids that can be used broadly to pay for social services and services for mentally disabled persons; administered by DSL/DCFS.

#### BCD

Bureau of Communicable Diseases (former Bureau of Communicable Diseases and Emergency Response) located in the Division of Public Health.

#### BCHP

Bureau of Community Health Promotion in the Division of Public Health.

#### BCMh

(Formerly) Bureau of Community Mental Health in the DHS Division of Supportive Living. Merged with Substance Abuse and is now Bureau of Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery

#### BDD

Bureau of Disability Determination in the DHS Division of Health Care Financing.

#### BDDS

(Formerly) Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services in the DHS Division of Supportive Living. In now Division of Long Term Care in DHS.

#### Behavior Management (Modification)

Systematic application of behavioral techniques, such as positive reinforcement, to persons with behavioral problems in order to establish, change, maintain, or eliminate specified behaviors.

#### Benefit Specialist, Disability (DBS)

A person in each Aging and Disability Resource Center who helps adults under age 60 years obtain and keep Medicare, Medical Assistance and other human services program benefits.

#### Benefit Specialist, Elderly (EBS)

A person in each county, usually in the county aging office, who helps elderly persons obtain and keep Medicare, Medical Assistance and other human services program benefits.

#### BEOH

Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health located in the Division of Public Health.

#### BEPS

Bureau of Enrollment Policy and Systems

#### BFM

Bureau of Fiscal Management

#### BFS

Bureau of Fiscal Services in the DHS Division of Enterprise Services.

#### BFS

Bureau of Fiscal Services

#### BHIC

Behavioral Health Integrated Care

#### BHR

Bureau of Human Resources located in the Division of Enterprise Services. Previously known as Bureau of Personnel and Employment Relations (BPER).

#### BID

Background Information Disclosure

#### BIRCM

Bureau of Intergovernmental Relations and Contract Management. It is one of the bureaus in the Division of Enterprise Services. Services include: Area Administration, Audit, Contract Administration, Parking, Purchasing and Printing

#### Birth To 3

A program of early intervention services for children from birth through age 2 with disabilities, and for their families. Administered by DLTC and county administrative agencies in accordance with ch. HFS 90 Adm. Codes.

#### BIS

Formerly the Bureau of Information Systems in the DHS Division of Management and Technology. It is now BITS, the Bureau of Information Technology Services.

#### BITS

Bureau of Information and Technology Services in the Division of Enterprise Services.

#### Block Grants

Federal grants of aid to states; the 6 annual block grants to DHS are Social Services, Community Services, Maternal and Child Health, Preventive Health and Health Services, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health; Department develops proposals for use of grants and obtains comments of public. Legislature holds hearings, and the final applications are submitted to the Federal government for the next year's funding.

#### BLTS

Bureau of Long-Term Support in the Division of Long Term Care.

#### BOALTC

Board on Aging and Long Term Care; an independent state agency that advocates on behalf of elderly and disabled persons who are receiving long term residential care, mainly by monitoring development and implementation of policies and programs and investigating complaints about care.

#### BOC

Bureau of Operational Coordination

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- BOO**  
Bureau of Operations located in the Division of Public Health.
- BPER**  
Previously known as the Bureau of Personnel and Employment Relations in the DHS Division of Enterprise Services. Has been renamed Bureau of Human Resources.
- BPTR**  
Bureau of Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery in the Division of Care and Treatment Services.
- BRFS**  
The Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) is a telephone survey of state residents ages 18 and older.
- BSS**  
Bureau of Strategic Sourcing
- Budget Mandate**  
A directive from the Legislature to a state agency transmitted through a budget act, requiring the agency to do something by a certain date, e.g., carry out a study and submit a report with recommendations.
- BWRS**  
Fiscal Work Reporting System
- C-TAU**  
County or tribal aging unit.
- CAA**  
Community Action Agency, a local anti-poverty agency.
- CAH**  
critical access hospital
- CAP**  
Community Action Program
- Corrective Action Plan
- Caregiver Misconduct Registry**  
The Department's record of persons who while working as caregivers in specified Department-regulated facilities or for specified Department-regulated programs were found to have abused or neglected a client or misappropriated a client's property.
- CARES**  
Client Assistance for Re-employment and Economic Support System.
- CARS**  
Community Aids Reporting System.
- CBRF**  
Community-based residential facility; a place in which 5 or more unrelated adults live and where they receive care, treatment, or services, but not nursing care on any permanent basis, in addition to board and room. CBRFs are licensed by DHS under ch. HFS 83 rules.
- CCS**

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Comprehensive Community Services - for Persons with Mental Disorders and Substance-Use Disorders, provides a flexible array of individualized community based psycho-social rehabilitation services authorized by a mental health professional to consumers with mental health or substance use issues across their lifespan.

#### CDC

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, a division of HHS.

#### CDSB

Center for Delivery System Development in the Department's Division of Disability and Elder Services.

#### CEO

chief executive officer

#### CERT Request

A personnel form used to obtain permission to take action to fill a vacant position.

#### Certification

A type of approval in the form of a written assurance or declaration that an individual, household, service provider or program meets specified conditions for receiving something or doing something as, for instance, a household to receive food stamps or a health care provider to receive reimbursement for providing services to Medicaid-covered patients.

#### CFR

Code of Federal Regulations.

#### CHAP

Community Housing Alternatives Program; provides Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority financing (generally, revenue bond authority) to developers of housing for low-income elderly and chronically disabled persons.

#### Chapter 252

of the Wisconsin Statutes: prevention and control of communicable diseases.

#### Chapter 254

of the Wisconsin Statutes: environmental health.

#### Chapter 46

of the Wisconsin Statutes: basic statute for the Department of Health and Family Services.

#### Chapter 49

Chapter 49 of the Wisconsin Statutes: governs public assistance programs including Medical Assistance.

#### Chapter 50

of the Wisconsin Statutes: nursing home, CBRF, adult family home, hospital and hospice regulation.

#### Chapter 51

of the Wisconsin Statutes: commitment for treatment of mental illness; and services for persons who are mentally ill, developmentally disabled, alcohol-abusing or drug abusing.

#### Chapter 55

of the Wisconsin Statutes: protective services for adults, and for developmentally disabled youths age 14 to 17, including court-ordered protective placements.

#### Chapter 971

of the Wisconsin Statutes: includes criminal commitments of the mentally ill. A criminal commitment to a mental health facility is for the purpose of examining a defendant with respect to competency to proceed, treatment directed at regaining competency or for treatment after a finding of not guilty due to mental disease or defect.

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## Chapter 980

of the Wisconsin Statutes; civil commitments of sexually violent persons.

## CHAW

Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin

## CHIP

Children's Health Insurance Program

## CHIPPs

Community Health Improvement Process and Plans are required by Wisconsin State Statutes from communities to develop and implement local health plans to address health conditions impacting their residents.

## Chore Services

A variety of nonprofessional services for clients provided or purchased by county social service or human service departments, including lawn care, shopping, errands.

## CHOW

change of ownership

## CHSD

County human services department organized under s. 46.23, Wisconsin Statutes.

## CIP

Community Integration Program: CIP-IA is for persons relocated or diverted from DD centers; CIP-IB is for developmentally disabled persons relocated or diverted from nursing homes; CIP II is for elderly and physically disabled persons diverted or relocated from nursing homes to appropriate community settings with the assistance of home and community

## CIU

Caregiver Investigation Unit (DQA)

## CLIA

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, PL 100-578, and implementing final federal regulations, 42 CFR 493.

## CLU

Clinical Lab Unit (CLIA -DQA)

## CMI

Chronically mentally ill, in reference to an adult.

## CMMI

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation

## CMO

Care Management Organization

## CMS

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration), in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## CNA

certified nursing assistant

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**CNM**  
certified nurse midwife

**CNP**  
certified nurse practitioner

**CNS**  
Clinical Nurse Specialist

**CO**  
Central Office (CMS) state - Madison/federal - Baltimore

**COBRA**  
Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985

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**Community Living Arrangements**  
A generic name for community-based residential facilities for adults (CBRFs), group homes for children, and private child care institutions, for purposes of s. 46.03(22), Wisconsin Statutes, dealing with the siting of these facilities and overriding of local zoning ordinances.

**Community Options Program (COP)**  
Community Options Program; a Department-financed, county-administered program to reduce the number of persons admitted to and resident in nursing homes; involves assessing the need of MA

**Conditions of Participation**  
Usually refers to federal regulations governing provider certification under Medicare. Under a federal-state contract, DHS/OQA certifies that hospitals, home health agencies, hospices and other health care providers comply with those regulations and therefore may participate in Medicare.

**COOP**  
Continuity of Operations

**COP**  
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**County Department of Community Programs**  
The county agency established under s. 51.42, Wisconsin Statutes.

**County Department of Developmental Disabilities Services**  
The county agency established under s. 51.437, Wis. Stats.

**COWSS**  
County Oral health Wisconsin Surveillance System

**CPI**  
Center for Program Integrity

Consumer Protection Investigator

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**CPT**  
Current Procedural Terminology

**CRC**  
Civil Rights Compliance.

**CRD**  
Chronic renal disease; see also ESRD.

**CRO**  
Client Rights Office in the DHS Division of Care and Treatment Services.

**CRS**  
Community Recovery Services (CRS) provides three specific services (Community Living Supportive Services, Supported Employment and Peer Supports) under the umbrella of psychosocial rehabilitation.

**CSA**  
Client services assistant.

**CSB**  
Controlled Substances Board; administers Wis. Stat. ch. 961, subch. II.

**CSBG**  
Community Services Block Grant.

**CSFP**  
Commodity Supplemental Food Program offers free, nutritious foods to eligible low-income seniors aged 60 years and older.

**CSP**  
Community support program; in communities, a program that coordinates care and treatment services provided to persons with severe and persistent mental illness. Regulated under ch. HFS 63 Adm. Code.

**CT Scanner**  
Computed tomography scanner; a medical diagnostic device which uses radiographic and computer techniques to produce cross-sectional images of head and body.-

**CTST Evaluation**  
Competency-to-stand-trial evaluation; the assessment by a psychiatrist or psychologist of a person charged with a criminal offense who because of a mental disorder may be unable to understand the proceedings or help with his or her defense.

**CWC**  
Central Wisconsin Center, a DHS residential facility in Madison for developmentally disabled persons.

**CYSHCN**  
Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program within the Division of Public Health.

**DAG**  
Wisconsin Diabetes Advisory Group

**DATAMANAGER**  
A software system that serves as a dictionary of DHS data.

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**DATCP**

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

**DCF**

Department of Children and Families (DCF). Created on July 1, 2008.

**DCTF**

Former DHS Division of Care and Treatment Facilities, now known as Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS)

**DCTS**

Division of Care and Treatment Services - created July 1, 2016. Previously known as DMHSAS. The three former DLTC Facilities (CWC, NWC, SWC) are now also part of DCTS.

**DD**

As a noun, developmental disability or disabilities; as an adjective or adverb, developmentally disabled.

**DDB**

Disability Determination Bureau in the DHS Division of Health Care Financing.

**DDES**

Former Division of Disability and Elder Services, split into Division of Long Term Care and the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

**Declaration to Physicians**

Also referred to by the public as the "Living Will," a form which enables a person to declare his or her wishes in advance concerning the use of life-sustaining procedures in the event of a terminal illness or injury when the person has become incompetent. Forms distributed by the Department's Division of Public Health.

**Defibrillation**

The administration of an electrical impulse to an individual's heart for the purpose of stopping ventricular fibrillation.

**Demonstration Project**

A short-term experiment to determine if a new activity is worthwhile, feasible or cost-effective, and to understand its consequences, before any commitment is made to make it permanent.

**DES**

Former Division of Economic Support in DHSS. Is Now Division of Enterprise Services within DHS.

**Detoxification**

Emergency treatment for the acutely intoxicated person. Can be medical or non-medical.

**Developmental Disability**

A disability of a person manifested before the age of 22, and expected to continue indefinitely, attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, brain injury or another neurological condition closely related to mental retardation or requiring treatment similar to that required for mental retardation, and that results in substantial functional limitations in three or more major areas of life activity.

**DHCAA**

Division of Health Care Access and Accountability. Currently named the Division of Medicaid Services.

**DHCF**

Former name of DHCAA, DHS Division of Health Care Financing; administers MA program.

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**DHFS (now known as DHS)**

Wisconsin State Department of Health and Family Services, began July 1, 1996. Changed to Department of Health Services on July 1, 2008.

**DHS**

Department of Health Services. Renamed on July 1, 2008 from Department of Health & Family Services.

**DHSS**

Formerly Wisconsin State Department of Health and Social Services, to July 1, 1996. Is now Department of Health Services (DHS).

**DIN**

Decision Item Narrative, a statement justifying a proposal included in a budget request.

**Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS)**

A person in each Aging and Disability Resource Center who helps adults under age 60 years obtain and keep Medicare, Medical Assistance and other human services program benefits.

**Disability Rights Wisconsin**

A Madison-based organization doing legal and other advocacy to protect and promote the interests of persons with a developmental disability or a mental illness.

**Divestment**

In reference to eligibility for Medicaid, the disposal of resources at less than fair market value in order to qualify for benefits.

**DJC**

Division of Juvenile Corrections in DOC; formerly DYS in DHSS.

**DLTC**

Division of Long Term Care (previously was part of Division of Disability and Elder Services (DDES)). Currently named the Division of Medicaid Services.

**DMHSAS**

Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (previously was part of the Division of Disability and Elder Services (DDES)). Now known as Division of Care and Treatment Services.

**DMS**

Division of Medicaid Services.

**DMT**

Formerly the DHS Division of Management and Technology. Currently named Division of Enterprise Services (DES)

**DNR**

Do-not-resuscitate; orders of physicians to withhold restorative treatment, usually limited to cardiopulmonary resuscitation, from patients who suffer cardiac or respiratory arrest.

**DOA**

Wisconsin Department of Administration

**DOC**

Wisconsin State Department of Corrections.

#### DOE

U.S. Department of Energy.

#### DOH

Former Division of Health in DHS.

#### DOJ

Department of Justice (Wisconsin)

#### DOL

U.S. Department of Labor.

#### DON

director of nursing (nursing home)

#### DOS

Dates of Service

#### DPCP

Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program

#### DPH

DHS Division of Public Health.

#### DQA

Division of Quality Assurance; responsible for licensing nursing homes, home health agencies CBRFs and hospices, approving hospitals, certifying health care providers for Medicare, certifying programs that train and test nurse assistants and aides and operating a registry of qualified nurse assistants and aides.

#### DRGs

Diagnosis-Related Groups; specific classifications of illnesses into which hospital inpatients are grouped. Under Medicare and MA, hospitals are reimbursed a fixed amount, determined in advance, for each patient admitted for an illness in a given classification.

#### DRL

Department of Regulation & Licensing (Wisconsin)

#### DRW

A Madison-based organization doing legal and other advocacy to protect and promote the interests of persons with a developmental disability or a mental illness.

#### DSL

Former DHS Division of Supportive Living, merged into Division of Disability and Elder Services (DDES)

#### DSM-IV

The 4th edition (1994) of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association.

#### DSS

County department of social services; administers public assistance and social service programs; same as SSD, CDSS.

#### DUR

Drug Utilization Review

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- DVR**  
Former Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in DHSS.
- DWD**  
Wisconsin State Department of Workforce Development.
- DYS**  
  
Former Division of Youth Services in DHSS. Is now Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC), Department of Corrections.
- EAP**  
Employee Assistance Program; in places of employment, identification and referral for counseling of persons who exhibit alcohol abuse, drug abuse or emotional problems which affect their work.
- EBP**  
An approach to clinical practice that incorporates the best evidence from studies, patient values and preferences, and the clinician's expertise in making decisions about a patient's care.
- EBT**  
Electronic Benefits Transfer; a DWD/DHS project under s. 49.129(7), Stats., to develop an electronic benefit transfer system for delivery of food stamp benefits as an alternative to issuing food stamp coupons.
- ED/DD**  
Persons who have a developmental disability who are also emotionally disturbed.
- EDS**  
Electronic Data Systems - the firm which currently serves as fiscal agent (the payer of claims) for Wisconsin's Medical Assistance program and for the HIRSP program.
- EEN**  
Exceptional educational needs.
- EHB**  
Essential Health Benefit
- EHR**  
Electronic Health Records
- EIA**  
External Information Approval (EIA)
- EIS**  
Environmental impact statement; required of a state agency by the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, s. 1.11, Wisconsin Statutes, when that agency proposes a major action affecting the environment.
- Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS)**  
A person in each county, usually in the county aging office, who helps elderly persons obtain and keep Medicare, Medical Assistance and other human services program benefits.
- EM CAPO**  
Enrollment Management Central Application Processing Operation
- EMS**

Emergency Medical Services.

#### EMT

Emergency medical technician.

#### EPA

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

#### EPHT

The [Wisconsin Environmental Public Health Tracking \(WI EPHT\) website](#) provides data and information on a variety of environment public health topics.

#### EPSDT

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program for children from low-income families; financed by Title XIX; called HealthCheck in Wisconsin.

#### ESRD

End-Stage Renal Disease, the stage of kidney impairment that is irreversible and requires a regular course of dialysis or renal transplantation to maintain life; also called chronic renal disease (CRD).

#### ETN

educational teleconference network

#### EVHI

Employment Verification of Health Insurance

#### Evidence-Based Practice

An approach to clinical practice that incorporates the best evidence from studies, patient values and preferences, and the clinician's expertise in making decisions about a patient's care.

#### Executive Order 12372

Replaces the former A-95 review process. This federal executive order establishes a process by which parties affected by or otherwise interested in an application made for a federal grant have an opportunity to comment on it at the time it is submitted.

#### Family Support

A DHS program under s. 46.985, Wis. Stats., and ch. HFS 65 Adm. Codes, that provides support to families with a severely handicapped child living at home by helping pay for the services and goods that a family needs to care for the family member at home.

#### FAS

Fetal alcohol syndrome; physical and/or mental anomalies in a newborn child resulting from the mother's drinking of alcoholic beverages during pregnancy.

#### FDA

U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

#### FDD

Facility for the developmentally disabled. A type of nursing home primarily for developmentally disabled persons. State centers for developmentally disabled persons are FDDs. Licensed under ch. HFS 134 Adm. Codes.

#### Federal Poverty Level

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Poverty income thresholds by family size; originally developed by the Social Security Administration in 1964; annually updated by the Census Bureau for inflation, with a version simplified for administrative purposes published each February as "poverty income guidelines" by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register; in 1998, a family of 4 with an income at or below \$16,450 is considered poor under the guidelines; income excludes Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and WIC drafts.

#### FFP

Federal financial participation, i.e., Federal aid.

#### FFY

Federal fiscal year, October 1 to September 30.

#### FHS

Federal Health Survey

#### FL/CIS

Facility Licensing/Certification Information System; for DHS institutions, CCIs, group homes.

#### FMS

Fiscal Management System.

#### FNS

Food and Nutrition Service, the part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture responsible for Food Stamps.

#### Forensics

The intersection of medicine, especially psychiatry, and the law. Forensic patients of concern to the Department have psychiatric problems and are involved with either the criminal courts or the correctional system. Among these are prisoners who become mentally ill while serving sentence, persons found unable to stand trial because of mental illness or mental defect, and mentally ill or mentally defective persons who have been civilly committed but who are violent or dangerous and need treatment in a secure hospital setting.

#### Foster Grandparents

Older adults employed by the Department in half-time substitute grandparent capacities at residential institutions for children and youth.

#### FPOS

Family Planning Only Services

#### FR

Federal Register. A daily (weekdays) publication containing federal proposed and final regulations and other official federal government announcements.

#### FS

Food Stamps.

#### FS

FoodShare

#### FSET

FoodShare Employment and Training

#### FSRL

Food Safety and Recreational Licensing section within the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health in the Division of Public Health. It is responsible for managing programs that enforce applicable state administrative codes for the inspection and licensure of restaurants, hotels, bed and breakfast establishments, public swimming pools including water park attractions, campgrounds, and tattoo and body piercing establishments in Wisconsin.

#### FWRS

Fiscal Work Reporting System

#### FY

Fiscal year, the twelve-month period used for financial planning purposes; the state's fiscal year is July-June whereas the counties' is January-December and the Federal government's is October-September; FY 06 in state financial planning means the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2006.

#### GAO

Federal Government Accountability Office.

#### GLITC

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. A coalition of 12 Indian tribes of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

#### GPR

General purpose revenues; consist of state-levied taxes and miscellaneous receipts and revenues collected by state agencies and paid into the state general fund where they are then available for appropriation by the Legislature.

#### GPR Earned

Those dollars collected by the Department in payment for its services but deposited in the general fund rather than kept by the Department or earmarked for expenditure by it.

#### GTU

Gero-psychiatric treatment unit operated by Mendota Mental Health Institute.

#### Halfway House

A short-term structured living environment mainly for persons who have just left residential institutions and are expected to have difficulty adjusting to living in the community.

#### Handicapped-Accessible

A term applied to buildings, rooms and restrooms which are accessible to persons with disabilities. A room or building must meet specific DHS standards to meet the definition of handicapped-accessible.

#### HAR

Hiring action report; a personnel form filled out by a supervisor to notify the Department personnel office that someone has accepted a position and will begin work on a certain date.

#### HC

Health Care

#### HCEs

Health Care Efficiencies

#### HCFA

(Former) Health Care Financing Administration, federal (now CMS)

#### HCPCS

Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System

**HCT**

Home and Community Treatment Program, at Mendota Mental Health Institute; demonstrates a community-based model for providing mental health treatment for pre-adolescent children and their families without hospitalization.

**HDHP**

High Deductible Health Plan

**HDSP**

Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program

**Health Care Agent**

An individual who has been designated by a patient, pursuant to ch. 155, Stats., Power of Attorney for Health Care, to make health care decisions on behalf of the patient.

**HEALTHCHECK**

Wisconsin term for EPSDT.

**Healthiest Wisconsin 2010**

Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health of the Public (the state health plan required by s. 250.07, Wis. Stats.).

**Healthy Birth Program**

Department program dating from 1985 and directed toward reducing the incidence of low birth weight and birth defects and ensuring that all infants receive comprehensive health care throughout their first year of life.

**Healthy Start Program**

Department program dating from 1988 providing Medical Assistance benefits for pregnant women and children to age 6, with family incomes up to 155% of federal poverty guidelines.

**HFS 1**

DHS administrative rules for the Uniform Fee System.

**HFS 10**

DHS Administrative Code for Family Care and Aging and Disability Resource Centers

**HFS 101-108**

DHS administrative rules for the Medical Assistance (Title XIX) program; the "super-rule."

**HFS 110**

DHS administrative rules for ambulance service providers and EMTs basic level.

**HFS 119**

DHS administrative rules for operation of HIRSP.

**HFS 12**

DHS administrative codes on caregiver background checks.

**HFS 124**

DHS administrative codes for hospitals.

**HFS 131**

DHS administrative codes for hospices.

**HFS 132**

DHS administrative codes for nursing homes.

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**HFS 133**

DHS administrative codes for home health agencies.

**HFS 134**

DHS administrative codes for facilities for the developmentally disabled (FDDs).

**HFS 140**

DHS administrative rules for services of local health departments.

**HFS 144**

DHS administrative rules for immunization of schoolchildren.

**HFS 145**

DHS administrative rules for control of communicable diseases.

**HFS 149**

DHS administrative rules for WIC vendors.

**HFS 172**

DHS administrative rules for operation of public swimming pools.

**HFS 178**

DHS administrative rules for campgrounds.

**HFS 196**

DHS administrative rules for restaurants.

**HFS 63**

DHS administrative codes for community support programs for chronically mentally ill persons.

**HFS 83**

DHS administrative codes for community-based residential facilities for 5 or more adults.

**HFS 92**

DHS administrative codes on confidentiality of the treatment records of persons receiving treatment for a mental disability.

**HFS 94**

DHS administrative codes on the rights of patients receiving treatment for a mental disability, and standards for grievance procedures.

**HFS34**

DHS administrative codes for emergency mental health service programs.

**HHA**

Home health agency.

**HHS**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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**HIPAA**

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, PL 104-191.

**HIRSP**

Health insurance risk sharing plan, under ch. 149, Wisconsin Statutes, and ch. HFS 119, Wis. Adm. Code. Responsibility transferred from OCI to DHS by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27.

**HIV**

Human immunodeficiency virus, the virus that causes AIDS.

**HOS**

hospice

**Hospice**

A residential or nonresidential program that provides care to persons who are dying, with the care provided not being directed at a cure of the individual but rather at lessening pain and other physical symptoms, with the provision of various kinds of support to the individual and the individual's family. Hospices are licensed by DHS under ch. HSS 131 Adm. Codes.

**HPSA**

Health Professional Shortage Area. A category indicating a significant shortage of health providers in the service area and in surrounding areas. It is measured by a population to provider ratio.

**HSD**

County human services department established under s. 46.23, Wisconsin Statutes, through a merger of the county social services department, the county department of community programs established under s. 51.42, Wisconsin Statutes, and other county human service agencies.

**HSEES**

Hazardous Substance Emergency Event Surveillance is a state-based surveillance system with the goal of tracking and preventing the adverse public health consequences associated with the uncontrolled or illegal release of hazardous substances.

**HSRS**

Human Services Reporting System in DLTC, DMHSAS and DCFS.

**HSS**

Health Services Section (DQA)

**HTF**

Hunger Task Force

**I&A**

Information and assistance

**I&R**

Information and referral.

**IBIS**

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Integrated background information system. Developed for and used in implementation of uniform caregiver background check legislation and ch. HFS 12 Admin. Codes.

iC  
InterChange

ICD  
International Classification of Diseases

ICD-9-CM  
International Classification of Diseases, 9th edition, Clinical Modification.

ICF  
Intermediate care facility; a federal Title XIX term for MA reimbursement purposes to a lower level of nursing care than that provided in a skilled nursing facility (SNF).

ICF-MR  
An ICF serving only or mainly mentally retarded residents, providing active treatment for residents, and certified under 42 CFR 435 and 442. In Wisconsin these are called facilities for the developmentally disabled (FDDs).

ICU  
Intensive care unit, in a hospital.

IDEA  
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400.

IDP  
Intoxicated Driver Program

IHSP  
Infant health screening program.

IM  
Income Maintenance

IMAC  
Income Maintenance Advisory Committee

IMD  
Institution for mental disease.

**Independent Living Center**  
An agency that provides or arranges for services to help severely disabled individuals live as independently as possible; 7 in Wisconsin.

**Indirect Services**  
Services to people provided by the Department through various public and private agencies under aid formulas, purchase agreements or contracts.

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**IOC**

Inspection of Care. Annual evaluation of the appropriateness of placement and care received by Title XIX nursing home residents.

**IRB**

Institutional review board, for protection of human subjects of research. Required by 42 CFR 46 in every institution and agency conducting research involving human subjects with HHS funds.

**ISN**

intensive skilled nursing

**ISP**

Information Systems Plan. Each DHS division's plan/budget for data processing for a given fiscal year.

**IT**

Information technology.

**ITF**

Inpatient treatment facility.

**ITS**

Information Technology Services, the statewide computing center operated by DOA's Division of Information Technology Services (DITS).

**JCAHO**

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; formerly, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH).

**JCRAR**

Legislature's Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules.

**JOBS**

Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training Program; an employment and training program for AFDC recipients.

**Katie Beckett Program**

A Medical Assistance program (also called SSI Deeming) for disabled children who need skilled or intermediate nursing care, with only the child's income and assets considered and not the income and assets of the parents.

**LAB**

Legislative Audit Bureau.

**LAW**

Legal Action of Wisconsin; a statewide public interest law firm concerned with advocating on behalf of public assistance clients.

**LCC**

Legislative Council (Rules) Clearinghouse; reviews agency-proposed administrative rules for legal authority and conformance to drafting standards prior to agency hearings on the rules.

**LEP**

Limited English Proficiency

**LGBT**

LGBT is collectively refers to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

**LHD**

Local Health Department

**Life Safety Code**

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 101 for the safety of life in buildings. Adopted by reference by the Federal government as one condition for provider participation under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Adopted by reference by the Department in rules for nursing homes, FDDs and hospitals.

**Living Will**

Also referred to by the public as the "Living Will," a form which enables a person to declare his or her wishes in advance concerning the use of life-sustaining procedures in the event of a terminal illness or injury when the person has become incompetent. Forms distributed by the Department's Division of Public Health.

**LPHA**

Local public health agency.

**LPN**

licensed practical nurse

**LS**

licensing specialist (DQA)

**LTC**

Long Term Care.

**LTC/FLCIS**

Long Term Care/Facility Licensing Certification Information System.

**LTCIS**

Long Term Care Information System.

**LTS**

Long Term Support.

**MA**

Medical Assistance (federal) also known as Medicaid.

**MA**

Term for the Medicaid (Title XIX) program, which pays for necessary health care services for eligible persons whose financial resources are not adequate to provide for their health care needs.

**MA Waiver**

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An exemption from a requirement of federal Medical Assistance (Medicaid) law, granted to the Department by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 USC 1396n (b), (c) or (d). Currently the Department has a waiver under which it requires MA recipients in Milwaukee County to participate in HMOs that are under contract to the Department for this purpose, and waivers that enable the Department to provide MA-funded home and community-based services under CIP I-A, CIP I-B, CIP II and COP to MA-eligible elderly and disabled persons who would otherwise need SNF or ICF level of care in nursing homes.

#### MAAC

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee; advises the Division of Health Care Financing about administration of the MA program.

#### MAGI

Modified Adjusted Gross Income

#### MCH

Maternal and Child Health (Title V) program of the Department.

#### MCO

Managed Care Organization

#### MD

Muscular dystrophy.

#### MDS

Minimum data set—a core set of data elements that describe nursing home resident clinical, functional and demographic characteristics, submitted by nursing homes to DHS on a weekly or monthly basis.

#### Medicaid

Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and 42 CFR 430 to 456; pays for medical care for low-income persons; state-administered; same as Medical Assistance.

#### Medical Assistance

Term for the Medicaid (Title XIX) program, which pays for necessary health care services for eligible persons whose financial resources are not adequate to provide for their health care needs.

#### Medically Underserved Areas

Federally identified areas in need of certain health services (not necessarily physician services) based on infant mortality rates, poverty rates, and percent of elderly in the population.

#### Medicare

Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act and 42 CFR 405 to 424; insurance-like payments for medical care of persons aged 65 and over; administered by federal Social Security Administration.

#### MEDS

Medicaid Evaluation and Decision Support (data warehouse)

#### MH

Mental health.

**MIS**

Management information specialist.

**MJTC**

Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center operated by Mendota Mental Health Institute for male DJC clients.

**MMHI**

Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison.

**MMIS**

Medicaid Management Information System.

**MOU**

Memorandum of Understanding.

**MR**

Mental retardation.

**MRC**

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC organizes and utilizes medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists.

**MRI**

Magnetic resonance imaging; in health care, a diagnostic technique that employs magnetic and radio frequency fields to produce images of body structures and organs.

**MS**

Multiple sclerosis.

**MTM**

Medication Therapy Management (not to be confused with MTM, Inc., the non-emergency medical transportation vendor)

**MUA**

Federally identified areas in need of certain health services (not necessarily physician services) based on infant mortality rates, poverty rates, and percent of elderly in the population.

**NA**

nursing assistant/nurse aide

**NACCHO**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is the Washington, DC-based organization representing local public health departments in the U.S.

**NAMD**

National Association of Medicaid Directors

- NAR**  
Nurse Aide Registry
- NASUAD**  
National Association of State Units on Aging and Disabilities.
- NATCEP**  
nurse aide training and competency evaluation program
- NCPDP**  
National Council for Prescription Drug Programs
- NEMT**  
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- NF**  
Nursing Facility
- NFB**  
National Federation of the Blind.
- NFPA**  
National Fire Protection Association.
- NGA**  
National Governors' Association.
- NH**  
nursing home
- NHA**  
nursing home administrator
- NIA**  
National Institute on Aging.
- NIAAA**  
National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse.
- NICU**  
Neonatal Infant Care Unit, in a hospital.
- NIDA**  
National Institute on Drug Abuse.
- NIH**  
National Institutes of Health, a division of HHS; includes 17 research institutes and the National Library of Medicine.

**NIMH**

National Institute of Mental Health.

**NLTC**

Non-long term care

**Normalization**

A principle employed in the developmental disabilities program area. It refers to using means to establish and/or maintain personal behaviors and characteristics which are as culturally normal as possible.

**NOV**

Notice of violation, in nursing home regulation.

**NP**

nurse practitioner

**NSF**

National Sanitation Foundation.

**Nurse Aide Registry**

The Department's record of qualified nurse assistants who work in hospitals or nursing homes, home health aides and hospice aides. These have successfully completed training and testing or are otherwise eligible to be included in the registry. Also a source of information for prospective employers about any finding that an aide when employed elsewhere abused or neglected a patient or resident or misappropriated a patient's or resident's property. Registry is operated by Department under ch. HSS 129 rules (qualifications part) and ch. HFS 13 rules (misconduct part).

**Nursing Home**

A place which provides 24 hour services including board and room to 3 or more unrelated residents who because of their mental or physical condition require nursing care. Nursing homes are licensed by DHS under ch. HFS 132 Adm. Codes.

**NWC**

Northern Wisconsin Center, a DHS residential facility for developmentally disabled persons near Chippewa Falls.

**OAA**

Older Americans Act, PL 95-478, as amended.

**OARS**

Opening Avenues to Reentry Success - Joint DHS and DOC program that assists inmates with mental health issues upon their release from WRC or a DOC facility.

**OASDI**

Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program; social security.

**OASIS**

Outcome and Assessment Information Set

**OBQI**

Outcome Based Quality Improvement

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**OBQM**

Outcome Based Quality Monitoring

**OBRA**

Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

**OBVI**

Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the Division of Long Term Care.

**OCI**

Office of the Wisconsin Commissioner of Insurance

**OCQ**

Office of Caregiver Quality (DQA)

**ODHH**

Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Division of Long Term Care.

**OFCE**

Office for Family Care Expansion in the Division of Long Term Care.

**OHI**

Office of Health Informatics in the Division of Public Health.

**OIG**

Office of the Inspector General.

**OJA**

Office of Justice Assistance

**OLC**

DHS Office of Legal Counsel.

**OMB**

Federal Office of Management and Budget; President's staff unit responsible within the executive branch of the federal government for budget development and review, and for management improvement.

**OOA**

Office on Aging in the Division of Long Term Care.

**OPB**

(Formerly) Office of Policy and Budget in DHSS. Is now Office of Strategic Finance in DHS.

**Open Records Law**

Sections 19.31 to 19.39 of Wisconsin Statutes.

**OPPA**

Office of Policy and Practice Alignment in the Division of Public Health.

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**OPRA**

(Formerly) DHS Office of Program Review and Audit. Is now Program Evaluation and Audit (PEA) located in OSF.

**ORCD**

Office for Resource Center Development in the Division of Long Term Care.

**ORS**

Office of Refugee Services in DWD.

**OSER**

Office of State Employment Relations

**OSF**

DHS Office of Strategic Finance.

**OSHA**

Occupational Safety and Health Administration in the U.S. Department of Labor.

**PA**

Prior Authorization

**PACE**

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Operated in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties by Community Care, Inc. (CCI), under contract with DHS.

**PACT**

Program of Assertive Community Treatment; an outpatient program for adults operated by Mendota Mental Health Institute.

**PACU**

Public Assistance Collection Unit

**PAD**

Provider-Administered Drugs

**PAR**

Position action request; a personnel form used for both hiring and reclassification purposes.

**PART H**

Early intervention program for infants and toddlers (age 0-2) with disabilities under PL 99-457. This is now Part C of PL 105-17. See also BIRTH TO 3.

**PBM**

Pharmacy Benefit Manager

**PCA**

Personal Care Agency

**PCBs**

Polychlorinated biphenyls. Disposition of these organic compounds is a matter of public concern because of their chronic toxicity, pervasiveness and persistence in the environment and their tendency to accumulate in the food chain and people.

**PCS**

Personal Care Services

**PCU**

Program Certification Unit (DQA)

**PD**

Position description form, describing the duties, performance expectations, and knowledge required for a position; there is a PD for every position.

**PDE**

Publication, for DLTC and DMHSAS (formerly DDES)

**PDL**

Preferred Drug List

**PE**

Presumptive Eligibility

**PERM**

Payment Error Rate Measurement

**Personal Care Services**

Mainly refers to assistance with activities of daily living such as eating, dressing, bathing and walking.

**PHHSBG**

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.

**PHIN**

Wisconsin Public Health Information Network is a secure, online network from the Department of Health Services for integrating the information resources of the public health system and all public health partners.

**PIVS**

Personnel Information Verification System in DHSS; formerly known as Personnel Information Control System (PICS).

**PL**

Public Law; Federal term equivalent to session law in Wisconsin.

**PL 94-142**

The Education for All Handicapped Children Act; provides basic requirements for the educational system in serving handicapped children.

**PNCC**

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Prenatal Care Coordination.

#### POS

Point of Sale; Place of Service

#### POS

Purchase of services.

#### Poverty Level

Poverty income thresholds by family size; originally developed by the Social Security Administration in 1964; annually updated by the Census Bureau for inflation, with a version simplified for administrative purposes published each February as "poverty income guidelines" by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register; in 1998, a family of 4 with an income at or below \$16,450 is considered poor under the guidelines; income excludes Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and WIC drafts.

#### Power of Attorney for Health Care

Under ch. 155, Wisconsin Statutes, a competent person at least 18 years of age may complete a form available from DHS to designate someone to make health care decisions for the person in the event that the person becomes unable to make those decisions. The designated person is that person's agent to exercise the power of attorney.

#### Power of Attorney for Property and Finance

Under ch. 243, Wisconsin Statutes, competent person at least 18 years of age may complete a form available from DHS to designate someone to make property and finance decisions for the person in the event that the person can no longer make those decisions. The designated person is that person's agent to exercise the power of attorney.

#### PPACA

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

#### PPD

Performance Planning and Development, a system for improving performance of department employees based on joint supervisor-employee planning and emphasizing results and opportunities for staff development.

#### PPNIC

Program for Psychotic and Neurologically Impaired Children, at Mendota Mental Health Institute.

#### PR

Program revenues; consist of revenues paid into a specific fund in payment for a product or service and used to meet the cost of producing or providing that product or service.

#### PRAMS

Wisconsin Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System is an ongoing survey of new mothers conducted jointly by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health departments.

#### Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)

A limited or preferred group of physicians and hospitals (providers) that offer a discount on their normal charges for services provided to members of an organization which contracts with it.

#### PRF

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Program revenues-Federal; consist of revenues received by the state from the Federal government in support of programs and projects operated by the Department or in reimbursement for the cost of services provided through programs operated by the Department.

## PRO

Prescribing/Referring/Ordering (a provider type)

## PRO(a)

Program revenues-other; consist of fees collected by the Department for licenses or services, and nonfederal grants received.

## PRO(b)

Peer Review Organization; federally required physician-sponsored group charged to review necessity, quality and appropriateness of services provided under Medicare, Medicaid and Maternal and Child Health programs in connection with reimbursing providers.

## Program Accessibility

Federal/state requirement that each program or activity funded through DHS be operated so that the program or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.

## Prospective Rate Reimbursement

Any method of paying medical care providers under which amounts or rates are established in advance and providers are paid regardless of actual costs.

## Protective Placement

Under s. 55.06, Wis. Stats., court-ordered placement of persons found incompetent to manage their own affairs and in need of care and custody; placement is in nursing homes and other non-psychiatric protective living settings.

## Protective Services

Assistance to protect vulnerable persons from being abused, exploited, or treated in a degrading manner, and to help those who are adults live as independently as possible.

## Provided Services

Services for people actually provided by staff of the Department or local human service agencies, rather than purchased.

## PRS

Program revenues-service; consist of revenues made up of payments from other state appropriations.

## PT

Physical therapy.

## PWB

Project Workbook

## QA

Quality assurance.

## QHP

Qualified Health Plan

#### QIDP

Qualified intellectual disabilities professional; an employee of a facility for the developmentally disabled or a nursing home who has specialized training in intellectual disability or at least one year of experience in treating or working with intellectually disabled persons and who has at least a bachelor's degree in a human services field.

#### RA

An organizational unit with a person in charge who is responsible for operation of the unit, to include supervision, fiscal management and program administration; has an operating budget.

#### RAI

Resident Assessment Instrument

#### Range

Salary level within a schedule; each schedule is divided into a number of salary levels/pay ranges.

#### RCAC

Residential Care Apartment Complex (assisted living)

#### RCI

regulation compliance investigator (DQA)

#### RCRS

Resident Care Review Section (DQA)

#### Reclassification

Personnel action which changes a position's job class, usually upward, in recognition of changed duties and/or responsibilities.

#### Registry of Aides

The Department's record of qualified nurse assistants who work in hospitals or nursing homes, home health aides and hospice aides. These have successfully completed training and testing or are otherwise eligible to be included in the registry. Also a source of information for prospective employers about any finding that an aide when employed elsewhere abused or neglected a patient or resident or misappropriated a patient's or resident's property. Registry is operated by Department under ch. HSS 129 rules (qualifications part) and ch. HFS 13 rules (misconduct part).

#### Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Federal vocational rehabilitation and independent living services legislation, 29 USC 701-796, which governs state administration of employment and independent living services for people with disabilities.

#### Residential Care Apartment Complex

New name for Assisted Living Facility. See also Assisted Living Facility.

#### Respite Care

Temporary, intermittent relief for the family member or other person taking care of an elderly or disabled adult or a child at risk.

### Responsibility Area

An organizational unit with a person in charge who is responsible for operation of the unit, to include supervision, fiscal management and program administration; has an operating budget.

### RFOD

regional field operations director (DQA)

### RFOS

regional field operations supervisor (DQA)

### RFP

Request for proposal; a document that solicits proposals from outside parties in a competitive bidding process.

### RHC

rural health clinic

### RN

registered nurse

### RO

regional office (State-Madison) (Federal - Region V - Chicago)

### RSVP

Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

### RTE

Real-time eligibility

### RTP

Return to Provider

### SA

state agency

### SACWIS

Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems. See also WisACWIS.

### SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, part of PHS in HHS.

### SC

SeniorCare

### SCAODA

State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Governor's council established under s. 14.017(2), Wis. Stats.; staffed by DHS.

### SEA

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Senior Energy Aides; outreach program to reach older adults with offers of energy assistance and weatherization.

#### Secondary Grant

A grant made from a grant received; usually funds made available by the Department to a local service provider for a particular project from funds provided to the Department by a Federal government agency.

#### Section 504

of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; prohibits discrimination in service delivery and employment based on handicap.

#### SED

Severely emotionally disabled, in reference to a child.

#### Session Law

An act of the State Legislature; equivalent to a public law (PL) enacted by Congress.

#### Sexual Predator Law

Chapter 980, Wisconsin Statutes.

#### SFY

State fiscal year, July 1 to June 30.

#### SGR

Sustainable Growth Rate

#### SIDS

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

#### Single Audit

A comprehensive financial and compliance audit pursuant to OMB Circular A-128 of a county receiving federal funds through the Department; reviewed by Department audit staff.

#### SLA

Service Level Agreement

#### SMCP

Special Managed Care Programs

#### SME

Subject Matter Expert

#### SMIC

Services for Multiply Impaired Children, a unit at Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

#### SNAP

Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program

#### SNF

Skilled nursing facility; a federal Titles XVIII and XIX certification term and state licensing term for long-term care facilities that provide care to residents who no longer need the type of care and treatment provided in a hospital but do require some medical attention and continuous skilled nursing observation.

#### SO

Secretary's Office

#### SOD

statement of deficiency (federal)

#### SOM

state operations manual (CMS)

#### SPA

State Plan Amendment

#### Spousal Impoverishment Law

Refers to 49.455, Wisconsin Statutes, which is designed to prevent the impoverishment of the noninstitutionalized spouse of an institutionalized Medicaid recipient by reserving part of the couple's income and resources for the support of the spouse who is not institutionalized.

#### SRSTC

Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Facility. A secure treatment facility in Mauston, WI., providing specialized treatment services for persons committed under Wisconsin's sexually violent persons law, Chapter 980, Wisconsin Statutes.

#### SSA

Social Security Administration in HHS.

#### SSBG

Social Services Block Grant. A federal grant which provides funds to states for a variety of social services, and which in turn is distributed by the Department on a formula basis to counties which provide or purchase these services for people who need them.

#### SSD

County social services departments; these administer public assistance and social service programs; same as DSS, CSSD.

#### SSDI

Social Security Disability Insurance.

#### SSI

Supplemental Security Income; a federal government income support program for aged, blind and disabled persons; checks are distributed by the federal government; monthly grant includes a state supplement amounting to over 20%.

#### SSI-E

The state's extra supplement to SSI payments made in recognition of exceptional expenses and available to persons who live in licensed or certified residential care settings or who live at home but receive a high level of supportive services.

#### SSN

social security number

#### State Building Code

Chapters Comm 50 to 64 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

#### State Health Plan

Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health of the Public (the state health plan required by s. 250.07, Wis. Stats.).

#### State Plan

Usually refers to a document prepared by the Department as a condition for receipt of Federal funds; often a compliance document or a record of policy and procedure.

#### Statement of Scope

For proposed administrative rules. Required since April 1, 1996 under s. 227.135, Stats.

#### Statewide Bed Limit

The maximum number of nursing home and FDD beds which may be licensed in the state. Established biennially by the Legislature under s. 150.31, Wis. Stats., with adjustments made by the Department under ch. HSS 122 rules.

#### STATS

Short-Term Assessment and Treatment Services. A unit for children and adolescents at Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

#### STD

Sexually Transmitted Disease; term for Venereal Disease (VD).

#### Step(a)

A pay increment within a pay range. A range consists of several steps.

#### Step(b)

Specialized Treatment for the Exceptional Person; an adult behavior modification treatment unit at Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

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#### Sum Certain

An appropriation providing funding up to but not exceeding a certain amount.

#### Sum Sufficient

An appropriation providing whatever level of funding is necessary to accomplish the purpose for which it was made.

#### Supported Employment

A VR program which provides supplemental funding to pay for on-the-job skill training and ongoing support services up to 18 months for severely handicapped clients who are placed in jobs and need ongoing training and support services to perform in those jobs.

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**Supportive Home Care**

Care provided to elderly and disabled persons residing in their own homes; consists of assistance with daily living needs, including household care and personal care.

**SWC**

Southern Wisconsin Center, a DHS residential facility for developmentally disabled persons near Union Grove.

**T18**

Title XVIII - Medicare

**T19**

Title XIX - Medicaid, Medical Assistance, MA

**TAC**

Transportation Advisory Committee

**TACL**

Training Adolescents for Community Living; a program at Mendota Mental Health Institute for treatment of adolescents who have a combination of a mild developmental disability, an emotional or behavioral disturbance and social skill deficits.

**TAG**

Technical advisory group.

**TANF**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

**TAP (a)**

Treatment Alternatives Program (AODA).

**TAP (b)**

Telecommunications Assistance Program administered by DHS Division of Long Term Care.

**TAU**

Tribal Affairs Unit in the DHS Office of Strategic Finance.

**TBI**

Traumatic Brain Injury

**TDD**

Telecommunication Device for the Deaf.

**TE**

Temporary Enrollment (moving away from using this acronym)

**TEFAP**

The Emergency Food Assistance Program is a federal program that provides food commodities to food pantries and prepared meal sites.

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### Therapeutic Community

A residential treatment modality for the more serious cases of drug abuse; there are today 2 therapeutic communities in Wisconsin.

### TIC

Trauma Informed Care

### Title III

of the Older Americans Act: Provides direction and funding to states to develop a comprehensive coordinated system of services thorough planning and Advocacy.

### Title IV-A

of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended: Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

### Title IX

of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibits discrimination based on sex in federally funded educational programs or activities.

### Title V (b)

of the Older Americans Act-Senior Community Services Employment Program.

### Title V-A

of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended: Maternal and Child Health.

### Title VI

of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in federally funded programs or activities.

### Title VII

of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; prohibits discrimination in employment based on race, color, national origin, sex or religion.

### Title XIX

Medicaid, Medical Assistance, MA

### Title XVI

of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended: Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

### Title XVIII

Medicare

### Title XXI

of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended: state children's health insurance program.

### TLC

Technology Learning Center in DHS.

### TMA

Transitional Medical Assistance

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**TRAILS**

Testing Realities and Investigating Lifestyles; an alcohol and drug abuse prevention program for Indian youths.

**TTY**

Text telephone writer which transcribes telephone messages received from people with hearing impairments.

**Uniform Fee System**

Uniform methods and procedures administered by the Department for charging fees for social services and mental hygiene services, including fees for residential care, on the basis of the client's, spouse's or parent's ability to pay. See also Chapter HFS 1 rules.

**Universal Precautions**

Precautionary measures to be taken by health care workers in regard to blood and other body fluids when caring for patients, as recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service's Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to prevent transmission of HIV and other blood-borne and body fluid-borne infections. See OSHA standard for occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, 29 CFR 1810.1030.

**UPC**

Uniform placement criteria for AODA services.

**USDA**

U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Vendor**

Under the WIC program, a grocery store or pharmacy authorized by the state WIC office to sell authorized foods to program participants.

**VR**

Vocational rehabilitation; services to enable persons with a physical or mental handicap to become employable.

**W-2**

Wisconsin Works, the state's program to replace AFDC. Makes cash assistance dependent on taking a job or undertaking job training. Cash benefits limited to 60 months. Administered by DWD. Began September 1997.

**WAAODA**

Wisconsin Association on Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse.

**WAD**

Wisconsin Association for the Deaf.

**WAHSA**

Wisconsin Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (non-profit).

**WALDO**

[Wisconsin Asbestos and Lead Database Online \(WALDO\)](#) is the DHS online asbestos and lead certification database offered for public access.

**WALHDAB**

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Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards.

#### WARF

Wisconsin Association of Residential Facilities; represents CBRF providers.

#### Watts Review

Annual review by a guardian ad litem of the status of a person protectively placed under ch. 55, Wis. Stats., and subsequent summary or full hearing by a court on the finding.

#### WCA(a)

Wisconsin Counties Association.

#### WCA(b)

formerly named Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy now called Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW); a Madison-based organization doing legal and other advocacy to protect and promote the interests of persons with a developmental disability or a mental illness.

#### WCDD

Formerly Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities, now called Board on Developmental Disabilities.

#### WCDP

Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program

#### WCHSA

Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association.

#### WCRS

Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System

#### WDC

Wisconsin Disability Coalition.

#### WEAVR

Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry, or WEAVR, is a secure, password-protected, web-based volunteer registration system for health care and behavioral health professionals.

#### WEDSS

Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System is a secure, web-based system designed to facilitate reporting, investigation, and surveillance of communicable diseases in Wisconsin. It is designed for public health staff, infection control practitioners, clinical laboratories, clinics, and other disease reporters.

#### WEHA

Wisconsin Environmental Health Association.

#### WEM

Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) is the lead state agency charged with coordinating the state's planning, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts for natural and man-caused disasters.

**WEPA**

Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, s. 1.11, Wisconsin Statutes; requires environmental assessments and environmental impact statements (EIS) for proposed actions of state agencies that will affect the physical and natural environment.

**WFCAP**

Wisconsin Funeral and Cemetery Aids Program

**WHA**

Wisconsin Hospital Association.

**WHO**

Wisconsin Homecare Organization; home health agencies.

**WI-1 DMAT**

Wisconsin-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team

**WI-HIPP**

The Wisconsin Health Improvement Planning Process (WI-HIPP) is identifying three to five priority health issues around which the Department of Health Services and partners across Wisconsin will create a state health assessment and a state health improvement plan.

**WIBS**

An individual that has been trained in disability benefits and rules that apply to people with disabilities when they are working or planning to work and earn money.

**WIC**

Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program; seeks to improve the health of low-income, nutritionally at-risk pregnant and nursing women and infants and children under age five through improved nutrition made possible by nutrition education and vouchers for the purchase of certain foods.

**WIR**

The Wisconsin Immunization Registry is a computerized Internet database application records and tracks immunization dates of Wisconsin's children and adults.

**WisACWIS**

Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems

**Wisconsin Difference Coalition**

A coalition of some 30 organizations which advocate for public funding of human services in Wisconsin.

**Wisconsin Fair Employment Act**

Sections 111.31 to 111.395, Stats. Prohibits discrimination in employment based on age, race, creed, color, handicap, marital status, sex, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, arrest record or conviction record.

**WISH**

Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health

**WISHIN**

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Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network

#### WMHI

Winnebago Mental Health Institute near Oshkosh.

#### Work Incentive Benefit Specialist

An individual that has been trained in disability benefits and rules that apply to people with disabilities when they are working or planning to work and earn money.

#### WPHA

Wisconsin Public Health Association.

#### WPHCA

Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association.

#### WRA

Wisconsin Rehabilitation Association.

#### WRC

Wisconsin Resource Center near Oshkosh; administered by the DHS Division of Care and Treatment Services for the purpose of providing individualized care and treatment for mental illness, a developmental disability or substance abuse to inmates transferred from the Department of Correction's maximum and medium security institutions.

#### WSC

Wisconsin Stroke Committee

#### WSLH

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene provide Clinical, Water and Other Environmental, and Industrial Hygiene analytical services, specialized public health procedures, reference testing, training, technical assistance and consultation for private and public health agencies.

#### WSRCC

(Formerly) Wilson Street Regional Computing Center.

#### WSSA

Wisconsin Social Services Association.

#### WWRC

Wisconsin Women's Resource Center

#### WWWP

Wisconsin Well Woman Program provides preventive health screening services to women with little or no health insurance coverage.