



ACRONYMS COMMONLY USED IN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

ILLINOIS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

Acronym	Reference
AAAHC	Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians
AANP	American Association of Nurse Practitioners
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
ACSW	Academy of Certified Social Workers
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties
ACNM	American College of Nurse-Midwives
ADA	American Dental Association
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHEC	Area Health Education Center
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AMA	American Medical Association
ANA	American Nurses Association
AOA	American Osteopathic Association
APHA	American Public Health Association
APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
BPHC	Bureau of Primary Health Care
BPR	Budget Period Renewal
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHC	Community Health Center
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
DMD	Doctor of Medical Dentistry
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
ECFMG	Education Committee for Foreign Medical Graduates
EHB	Electronic Handbook
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EMC	Expanded Medical Capacity
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center

FQHC-LAL	Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alikes
FTCA	Federal Tort Claims Act
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year
GME	Graduate Medical Education
GNP	Geriatric Nurse Practitioner
HCCN	Health Center Controlled Network
HHS	Health and Human Services
HIE	Health Information Exchange
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIT	Health Information Technology
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
HRSA	Health Resources & Service Administration
IDPH	Illinois Department of Public Health
IHS	Indian Health Service
IM	Internal Medicine
LCP	Licensed Clinical Psychologist
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LCPC	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor
LIP	Licensed Independent Practitioner
Locums Tenen	A person who temporarily fulfills the duties of another
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
MAT	Medication-Assisted Treatment
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MFT	Marriage and Family Therapist
MGMA	Medical Group Management Association
MHC	Migrant Health Center
MD	Medical Doctor
MOU/MOA	Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement
MU	Meaningful Use
MUA	Medically Underserved Area
MUP	Medically Underserved Population
NACHC	National Association of Community Health Centers
NAP	New Access Point
NCCPA	National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NGA	Notice of Grant Award
NHSC	National Health Service Corps
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
NNOHA	National Network for Oral Health Access
NPDB	National Practitioner Data Bank
OBGYN	Obstetrics and Gynecology
OBNP	Obstetrics Nurse Practitioner
OE	Outreach and Enrollment
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget

OPA	Office of Pharmacy Affairs
ORO	Office of Regional Operations
PA	Physician Assistant
PCA	Primary Care Association
PCO	Primary Care Organization
PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home
PED	Pediatrician
PHARMD	Doctor of Pharmacy
PHS	Public Health Service
PNP	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PSYCH	Psychologist
PSYCH NP	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
PSY	Psychiatrist
QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Quality Improvement
RD	Registered Dietician
RDH	Registered Dental Hygienist
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RN	Registered Nurse
SAC	Service Area Competition
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SBIRT	Screenings, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment
SDOH	Social Determinants of Health
SLRP	State Loan Repayment Program
SOHR	State Offices of Rural Health
SUD	Substance Use Disorder
SUPR	Substance Use Prevention and Recovery
TA	Technical Assistance
TJC	Joint Commission
UDS	Uniform Data System
USMLE	United States Medical Licensing Examination
WHNP	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children Program