



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
AACOM	Association of American Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AANP	American Association of Nurse Practitioners
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
AAPA	American Academy of Physician Assistants
AAPCHO	Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
ACSW	Academy of Certified Social Workers
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties
ACNM	American College of Nurse-Midwives
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ACU	Association of Clinicians for the Underserved
ADA	American Dental Association
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
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 Pharmacists Association
APHA	American Public Health Association
APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
ASAM	American Society of Addiction Medicine
ASPE	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (HHS)
ASPR	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (HHS)
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
BHW	Bureau of Health Workforce (HRSA)
BLS	Basic Life Support
BOD	Board of Directors
BPHC	Bureau of Primary Health Care
BPR	Budget Period Renewal
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CBO	Community Based Organization
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CEU	Continuing Education Unit

CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHC	Community Health Center
CHIP	Children’s Health Insurance Program
CHW	Community Health Worker
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife
COO	Chief Operating Office
CPRS	Certified Peer Recovery Specialist
CRSS	Certified Recovery Support Specialist
CV	Curriculum Vitae
CY	Calendar Year
DA	Dental Assistant
DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
DEI	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DMD	Doctor of Medical Dentistry
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DOL	Department of Labor
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
ECFMG	Education Committee for Foreign Medical Graduates
ED	Executive Director
EOE	Equal Opportunity Employer
EEOC	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EHB	Electronic Handbook
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EMC	Expanded Medical Capacity
EMS/EMT	Emergency Medical Services/Technician
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
FACHE	Fellow of American College of Healthcare Executives
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FFR	Federal Financial Report
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FMLA	Family Medical Leave Act
FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner
FOA	Funding Opportunity Announcement
FP	Family Practitioner/Family Physician
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
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
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

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
HPET	Health Professions Education and Training
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
HRSA	Health Resources & Service Administration
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, See also DHHS
IAFP	Illinois Association of Family Physician
ICAAP	Illinois Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
IDFPR	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
IDPH	Illinois Department of Public Health
IHA	Illinois Health and Hospital Association
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IHS	Indian Health Service
IM	Internal Medicine
IPHA	Illinois Public Health Association
IPHI	Illinois Public Health Institute
IRB	Institutional Review Board
ISDS	Illinois State Dental Society
JEDI	Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
JCAHO	Joint Commission for Accreditation in Healthcare
LCP	Licensed Clinical Psychologist
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LCPC	Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor
LGBTQIA+	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Asexual, and all Sexual and Gender Minority People
LIP	Licensed Independent Practitioner
Locum Tenens	A person who temporarily fulfills the duties of another
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LRP	Loan Repayment
LTC	Long-term Care
MA	Medical Assistant
MAR	Medication-Assisted Recovery
MAT	Medication-Assisted Treatment
MATEC	Midwest Aids Training Education Center
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MCHB	Maternal and Child Health Bureau (HRSA)
MCN	Migrant Clinicians Network
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MD	Medical Doctor
MFT	Marriage and Family Therapist
MGMA	Medical Group Management Association
MHC	Migrant Health Center
MHFA	Mental Health First Aid

MOU/MOA	Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement
MSFW	Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker
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
NHCHC	National Health Care for the Homeless Council
NHSC	National Health Service Corps
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
NIMAA	National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement
NNOHA	National Network for Oral Health Access
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NTTAP	National Training and Technical Assistance Partners (HRSA)
NOA	Notice of Award
NPDB	National Practitioner Data Bank
NRHA	National Rural Health Association
OB/GYN	Obstetrics and Gynecology
OBNP	Obstetrics Nurse Practitioner
O&E	Outreach and Enrollment
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPA	Office of Pharmacy Affairs
ORO	Office of Regional Operations
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSV	Operational Site Visit (HRSA)
PA	Physician Assistant
PAL	Program Assistance Letter
PCA	Primary Care Association
PCO	Primary Care Organization
PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home
PED	Pediatrician
PHARMD	Doctor of Pharmacy
PHDH	Public Health Dental Hygienist
PHS	Public Health Service
PNP	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
PO	Project Officer
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PrEP	Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Medicine
PSYCH or PSY D	Psychologist
PMHNP	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
PSY	Psychiatrist
QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Quality Improvement

REAL	Race, Ethnicity, Ancestry and Language
R&R	Recruitment & Retention
RD	Registered Dietician
RDH	Registered Dental Hygienist
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHC	Rural Health Clinic/Center
RN	Registered Nurse
SAC	Service Area Competition
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SBHC	School-Based Health Center
SBIRT	Screenings, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment
SDOH	Social Determinants of Health
SLRP	State Loan Repayment Program
SORH	State Offices of Rural Health
SOGI	Sexual Orientation Gender Identity
SUD	Substance Use Disorder
SUPR	Substance Use Prevention and Recovery
T/TA	Training & Technical Assistance
THC	Teaching Health Center
TJC	Joint Commission
UDS	Uniform Data System
UPR	Uniform Progress Report
USMLE	United States Medical Licensing Examination
VA	Veterans' Affairs
WHNP	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
WHO	World Health Organization
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children Program
YTD	Year-to-Date
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