



Community Health Center Commonly Used Acronyms

The Community Health Center world, like much of health care and government, shortens the complex and lengthy commonly used terms to acronyms that will quickly become familiar to you.

Until you have a full command of the lingo, or jargon, feel free to use this handy reference sheet and share it as much as you like.

330(e)—Community Health Center Funding

330(g)—Migrant Health Funding (Under the Consolidation Act)

424A—PHS Budget Form

501(C)(3)—Not for Profit (IRS Determination)

A

AAFP—American Academy of Family Physicians

AAPA—American Association of Physician Assistant

AAP—American Academy of Physicians

ACO—Accountable Care Organization

ADA—American Dental Association

AHCA—Agency for Health Care Administration

AMA—American Medical Association

ASTHO—Association of State and Territories Health Organization

B

BPHC—Bureau of Primary Health Care

C

CAP—Community Access Program

CBO—Community Base Organization

CDBG—Community Development Block Grant

CDC—Centers for Disease Control

CEU—Continuing Educational Units

CFDA—Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

CFR—Code of Federal Regulations

CHC—Community Health Center

CHD—County Health Department

CHI—Community Health Institute (NACHC sponsored conference)

CME—Continual Medical Education

CMS—Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services

COG—Central Office Grantee

CQI—Continuous Quality Improvement

access for all

WISCONSIN

E

EMC—Expanded Medical Capacity

F

FHS—Farmworker Health Services

FJF—Farmworker Justice Fund

FMAP—Federal Medical Assistance Percentage

FQHC—Federally Qualified Health Center

FQHC Look-Alike—a Federally Qualified Health Center that does not receive Section 330 funding

FTCA—Federal Tort Claims Act

FTE—Full Time Employee

G

GAM—Grant Administration Manual

H

H2A – H2B—Section of Labor Laws that allow for the legal importation immigrant laborers

HCAP—Healthy Communities Access Program

HCFA—Health Care Financial Administration

HEDIS—Health Employer Data and Information System

HHS—Health & Human Services

HIFA—Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability Initiative

HIPAA—Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HIT—Health Information Technology

HMA—Hispanic Medical Association

HPSA—Health Professional Shortage Area

HRSA—Health Resources and Services Administration

I

IDS—Integrated Delivery System

L

LOI—Letter of Intent

LOS—Letter of Support

M

MCHB—Maternal & Child Health Branch

MCN—Migrant Clinician’s Network

MHB—Migrant Health Branch

MHP—Migrant Health Promotion

MIS—Management Information System

MOA—Memorandum of Agreement

MOU—Memorandum of Understanding

MSFW—Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers

MUA—Medically Underserved Area

MUP—Medically Underserved Population

N

NACHC—National Association of Community Health Centers

NCFH—National Center for Farmworker Health

NGA—Notice of Grant Award

NMRP—National Migrant Referral Program

NRHA—National Rural Health Association

O

OMB—Office of Management and Budget

ORC—Objective (grant) Review Committee

P

P&I—Policy and Issues Forum (NACHC conference)

PAL—Program Assistance Letter

PCA—Primary Care Association

PCER—Primary Care Effectiveness Review

PCMH—Patient-Centered Medical Home

PCO—Primary Care Organization

PEERS—Patient Experience Evaluation Report System

PHA—Public Health Association

PHPC—Public Housing/Primary Care

PHS—Public Health Service

PHS Section 329—Migrant Health Funding

PIN—Policy Information Notice

PMS—Payment Management System

PPS—Prospective Payment System

Q

QI/QA—Quality Improvement Quality Assurance

R

RD—Regional Division

RFA—Request for Appropriations

RFP—Request for Proposal

RHC—Rural Health Center

RHN—Rural Health Network

RVU—Relative Value Units

S

SCHIP—State Child Health Insurance Program

SSP—State Strategic Planning

T

TA—Technical Assistance

TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

U

UDS—Uniform Data System

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