

Common Acronyms & Terms

ACCES-VR – Adult Career & Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

ADL – Activities of Daily Living

BSP/BIP – Behavior Support Plan / Behavior Intervention Plan

Care Coordination – Oversight of services combining developmental disability services and supports with health and wellness services.

Care Manager – Person who works for a CCO and will help you to navigate and coordinate services

CAS – Coordinated Assessment System. Required assessment completed to show needs and wants of an individual. Slowly replacing the DDP-2 as it is more person-centered and involves input from the family/individual.

CCO – Care Coordination Organization

CH – Community Habilitation. Service provided to enhance skills needed to live more independently in their homes or in the community. Can include adaptive skill development, money management, travel training, leisure skills, social skills and more.

CHOICES – OPWDD system used by many agencies to share documents

CM/CCM – Care (Coordination) Manager

CMS/CCMS – Care (Coordination) Manager Supervisor or Center for Medicaid Services

CPEP – Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program

CRO – Certified Residential Opportunity (includes IRAs and Family Care Homes)

CSE/CPSE – Committee on (Preschool) Special Education

DDP₂ – Developmental Disabilities Profile (version 2). Questionnaire used to provide an accurate and thorough description of the skills and challenges of a person with developmental disabilities that are related to their service needs.

DDRO – Developmental Disabilities Regional Office (OPWDD is divided up amongst 5 regions which cover New York State. Families must interact with the DDRO which oversees the county they reside in).

DDSO – Developmental Disabilities Service Organization/Office

DH – Day Habilitation. Service focused on giving participants the personal, social and vocational supports needed to live in their community. Programming varies depending on each individual's needs and interests.

DME – Durable Medical Equipment

DOH – Department of Health

DSP – Direct Support Professional

Eligibility – Process by which an individual is found to have a qualifying OPWDD condition and able to apply for OPWDD services.

EMOD – Environmental Modification

ETP – Employee Training Program

FBA – Functional Behavior Assessment

FC/FCH – Family Care or Family Care Home. One type of residential opportunity offered by OPWDD.

FD – Front Door

FI – Fiscal Intermediary (Acts as the banker for those who have a Self-Direction Plan)

Front Door – First point of contact in obtaining OPWDD eligibility and services

FRR/FSRR – Family (Support) Reimbursed Respite. Service offered in a Self-Direction plan that helps pay for respite services.

FSS – Family Supports and Services. These are often grant funded services offered by some provider agencies in addition to OPWDD waiver services.

Guardian – A party appointed by a court to make or assist a person to make personal and/or financial decisions in situations in which the person is deemed not to have capacity to make those decisions.

HCBS Waiver – Home and Community Based Waiver (allows individual to access different services)

HIPPA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

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HRC – Human Rights Committee. Committee which has the responsibility to protect the rights of persons whose behavior support plans incorporate the use of any restrictive/intrusive intervention and/or limitation on a person’s rights in order to prevent, manage, and/or control challenging behavior.

IAM – “I Am Me” Assessment. Required (at least) annually and completed by the Care Manager in conjunction with the individual/family member and supports to identify goals/wants/needs. Informs and acts as the foundation of a Life Plan.

I/DD – Intellectual or Developmental Disability

IEP – Individualized Education Plan. Prescription of services for individuals receiving educational services

IPOP – Individualized Protective Oversight Plan

IRA – Individualized Residential Alternative; sometimes referred to as “group homes”. One type of residential opportunity offered by OPWDD.

LCED – Level of Care Determination (individual must meet annual criteria to remain eligibility for HCBS Waiver services).

LDSS – Local Department of Social Services (responsible for Medicaid Oversight)

LP /Life Plan – A required plan for all individuals receiving OPWDD services which acts as the prescription of services and explains the individual’s wants, needs, goals and services. Reviewed at least twice per year.

MA – Medicaid. Medicaid is required for payment of OPWDD services and supports, unless an agreement for self-pay is developed.

MediSked – Electronic Health Record used by CCOs

MHLS – Mental Hygiene Legal Service

NYSED – New York State Education Department

OMH – Office of Mental Health

OPWDD – Office of People with Developmental Disabilities

Parental Deeming – The process whereby parental income of an individual under 18 is waived and exempt. Medicaid is subsequently determined based on need (via a county disability determination) and on the applying individuals’ resources and income only.

PCP – Person Centered Planning or Primary Care Physician

Respite – Indirect service which provides temporary relief to people who are responsible for the primary care and support of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

RHIO – Regional Health Information Organization. Used by CCOs (with permission from the individual/family member) to access health related information input by primary care doctors and other medical facilities.

RSFO – Revenue Support Field Office. Works in conjunction with OPWDD to ensure appropriate benefits are in place

SDS – Self-Directed Services

SEMP – Supported Employment Medicaid Program

SIB – Self-injurious behavior

SNT – Supplemental Needs Trust

SSA – Social Security Administration

TABS – Tracking and Billing system. Each individual is assigned a unique TABS identification number

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