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<i>Acronym</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Oversight Agency</i>
AACA	Augmentative Alternative Communication Accessories	Devices & software programs used to assist people with difficulty hearing.	
Access	Access	A site, facility, work environment, service or program that is easy to approach, enter, operate, participate in or safely use, independently and with dignity by a person with a disability.	USDOL
ACLD	Adults & Children with Learning Disabilities	See CRD of LI	NYSOMR/DD
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	1990 comprehensive civil rights legislation for people with disabilities	USDOJ, EEOC
ADL	Activities of daily living	Basic skills such as walking, breathing, bathing, eating, grooming, dressing, bladder care, bowel care.	USDOJ, ADA, NYSDOH, NYSED
	Acute care	Medical care that is required for a short period of time to cure/treat a certain medical illness or condition.	NYSOFA, NY Connects
	Adult day care	Health support & rehabilitation services provided within the community to people unable to care for themselves during the day, but able to live at home at night.	NYSOFA, NY Connects
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children	Federally supported state administered temporary cash welfare to children < 18 years of age prior to TANF	NYSOTDA
AHRC	Association for Help of Retarded Children	Not for profit agency certified by NYS Department of Education and NYS Office of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities to provide services for people with mental retardation & support services for their families.	NYSOMR/DD

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AL	Assisted Living	Services provided to support individual in performance of ADLs or those with severe cognitive impairment, usually in a community-based residence.	NYSDOH
ALC	Alternate Level of Care	Care received in inpatient hospital setting for those awaiting placement in homecare or nursing home setting.	NYSDOH
ALOS	Average length of stay	Average length of stay per inpatient hospital visit.	NYSDOH, NYSID
APS	Adult Protective Services	State/local agency responding to any physical, sexual or emotional abuse, financial exploitation, active or passive neglect of an adult, a senior or person with a disability.	NYSOTDA, NYSOCFS
ASL	American Sign Language	Manual (hand) language with its own syntax and grammar used primarily by people who are deaf.	
ATI	Alternatives to Incarceration	Numerous programs offered as alternative to serving jail time.	NYSDPCA
AVRS	Automated voice response system	Audio response unit; Interactive Voice Response System	
BACAC	Bellport Area Community Action Committee	See CRD of LI	
BHEPA	Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance	See CRD of LI	
BOCES	Board of Cooperative Education Services	A regional educational service agency, providing quality, efficient, shared programs and services to school districts, their students, parents and communities.	NYSED

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CAH	Care at Home	One of 6 different Medicaid waivers (in NYS) that provide specific services to income and categorically eligible individuals; limited number of available slots.	NYSDOH
CBIC	Common Benefit Identification Card	Statewide card used by recipients to access Medicaid, Cash & Food Stamp benefits; actually a sub-system of Welfare Management System (WMS).	USDHHS, NYSOTDA
CBVH	Commission for the Blind & Visually Handicapped	State rehabilitation agency working with people with legal blindness.	NYSOTDA
CC	Catholic Charities	See CRD of LI	Diocese of Rockville Centre
CC	Custodial care	Non-medical care addressing personal needs & available to someone who is chronically ill.	NYSDOH, NYSED
CCE	Cornell Cooperative Extension	Informal education within each County extending research-based information from Cornell University.	
CCF	Council of Children & Families		NYSOCFS
CDC of LI	Community Development Corporation of LI	See CRD of LI	NYSDHCR
CD-PAP	Consumer Directed-Personal Assistance Program	A Medicaid program providing assistance to PWD &/or chronically ill, where consumer or rep. assumes full responsibility for hiring, training, supervising or firing personal care aide.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
CHP A	Child Health Plus A	Formerly Children's Medicaid, providing medical coverage based on income eligibility for children < 19 years of age.	NYSDOH
CHP B	Child Health Plus B	Provides coverage for children <19 years of age not eligible for Medicaid. There is a sliding scale family contribution.	NYSDOH

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Chronically ill	Chronically ill	The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) defines Chronically Ill as someone who is incapable of performing at least two activities of daily living, such as eating, bathing, or toileting, or who requires substantial supervision.	USDHHS
CI	Cognitive impairment	Loss or deterioration of intellectual capacity characterized by symptoms such as short or long term memory loss; loss of orientation as to people, places or time; loss of ability for deductive or abstract reasoning.	NYSOFA, NYConnects
CM	Care Management (Service Coordinator)	Consultative & planning services provided by professional, usually licensed nurse or social worker, to assess, coordinate and monitor over-all medical, personal & social services for individual needing long term care.	NYSDOH
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Formerly Health Care Financing Administration(HCFA); oversees federal Medicare, Medicaid & State Children's Health Insurance Programs.	USDHHS
COC	Certificate of coverage	Terms of coverage & benefits in an insurance carrier's plan.	NYSDOH, NYSID
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment	Annual adjustment in wages to offset a change in purchasing power, as measured by the Consumer Price Index - CPI.	USDHHS
Co-pay	Co-pay	A fee an individual pays each time they purchase drugs or medical services; co-insurance.	USDHHS, NYSDOH

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CPEP	Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Plan	Plan developed in Suffolk County and housed at University Hospital @ Stony Brook Emergency Room, to assist & stabilize people with psychiatric disabilities during times of mental difficulties.	NYSDOH, NYSOMH
CPI	Consumer Price Index aka Cost of Living Index	Inflationary indicator measures the change in cost of a fixed basket of products & services including housing, electricity & transportation.	USDOL
CPS	Child Protective Services	Investigates all allegations of abuse and/or neglect of children.	NYSSSL, NYSFCA
CR	Community Residence	Group home setting in local neighborhood using community supports	NYSOMH, NYSOMR/DD
CRD of LI	Community Resource Database of Long island	A database of over 11,000 Health, Human Service and Educational resources on Long Island, where your find agencies and programs that can help you.	
CQCAPD	Commission on Quality of Care & Advocacy for People with Disabilities	New York State Office charged with independent oversight of all mental hygiene programs & services, created by Willowbrook Consent Decree in 1970s. Assumed State Office of Advocate for the Disabled in 2006.	NYSOMH
CSE	Committee on Special Education	A team of professionals & parents determine a student's educational needs, develop annual goals, and determine the placement & other guidance through written Individualized Education Program (IEP).	NYSED
Consumer	Consumer	Individual served by long term care system regardless of age, income or disability.	NYSOFA, NYConnects

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DBA	Doing Business As	A statement informing the public of the owner's personal name or the name under which they are conducting business.	County Clerk
DBA	Daily Benefit Amount	Amount your insurance company covers for each day of services provided. Some policies pay a flat daily benefit amount, while others will pay reasonable & customary charges up to the daily benefit amount.	NYSDOH, NYSID
DCAP	Disabled Client Assistance Program	Program within local Social Services department that assists eligible people with disabilities in accessing Social Security benefits.	NYSOTDA, NYSOCFS
DDI	Developmental Disabilities Institute	DDI is a non-profit agency dedicated to the education and habilitation of developmentally disabled children and adults, with specialty in autism.	NYSOMR/DD
DDPC	Developmental Disabilities Planning Council	Agency responsible for developing new supports for programs and services for New Yorkers with developmental disabilities.	NYSCQCAPD
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency	Branch of USDOJ charged with enforcing laws regarding illegal drug use.	USDOJ
Deductible	Deductible	Amount an individual must pay before insurance /Medicare will begin paying for medical services.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
Dementia	Dementia	Impairment of intellectual faculties due to a disorder of the brain.	NYSDOH, NYConnects
DFA	Department of Family Assistance	Responsible for overseeing local Department of Social Services (DSS) in determining eligibility of clients for Medicaid.	NYSOCFS, USDHHS

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DFY	Division for Youth	Now Office of Children & Family Services, integrating services for New York's children, youth, families, vulnerable populations; promotes their development & protects them from violence, neglect, abuse/abandonment.	NYSOCFS, USDHHS
DHCR	Division of Housing & Community Renewal	State office responsible for supervision, maintenance and development of affordable low- & moderate- income housing in NYS.	USHUD
DHHS	Department of Health & Human Services	Federal agency responsible for administration of Medicare and Medicaid through federal CMS (formerly called HCFA).	
DME	Durable Medical Equipment	Equipment such as wheelchairs, hospital beds & other non-disposable medically necessary items.	USDHHS, NYSDOH, NYSID
DOH	Department of Health	New York State agency responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program at the State level & State Public Health.	USDHHS
DOL	Department of Labor	Department of Labor	Federal, State
DOS	Department of State	State Office responsible for promulgating rules & regulations governing all state offices (and contractees) in response to NYS Law.	
DPCA	Division of Probation & Correctional Alternatives	State Office committed to improving practices that promote public safety, ensure offender accountability, provide restitution to victims and reduce recidivism.	
DRG	Diagnosis-Related Grouping	Used as a basis for re-imbusement.	USDOJ, NYSOJP
DSH	Disproportionate Share Hospital	Reimbursement to selected hospitals as compensation for services provided to indigent population.	NYSDOH

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DT	Day Treatment	A planned combination of broad diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation services provided to people with mental illness, while they continue to live at home or in community.	NYSOASAS
Dual Diagnosis	Dual Diagnosis	Referring to individuals having diagnoses in two (or more) of the following: mental illness or mental retardation or developmental disability or substance abuse.	NYSOMH, NYSOASAS
Dual Eligible	Dual Eligible	An individual receiving both Medicaid and Medicare.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
DUR	Drug Utilization Review	Federally mandated Medicaid specific prospective & retrospective drug utilization review system.	USDHHS, CMS, NYSDOH
DV	Domestic Violence	Any action when one person uses force to inflict injury, either emotional or physical, upon another person they have, or had, a relationship with.	NYSFCA, NYSSSL
DWI/DUI	Driving While Intoxicated/ Driving Under the Influence	A criminal offence resulting from driving a motor vehicle after consuming enough alcohol to raise the blood alcohol level above the legal limit.	NYSDPCA
EAA	Emergency Assistance to Adults	A temporary assistance/loan program that provides financial assistance to meet emergency needs of adults eligible for SSI.	USDHHS, NYSOTDA
EAC	Educational & Assistance Corporation	See CRD of LI	
EAF	Emergency Assistance to Families	Assistance to families with children to deal with crisis situation threatening the family and/or meet emergent needs resulting from sudden occurence.	USDHHS, NYSOTDA

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EBT	Electronic Benefits Transfer	Automating certain OTDA functions delivering information, benefits and payments electronically instead of using checks, warrants or other paper methods.	USDHHS
ECDC	Early Childhood Direction Center	Provides information and referral services for parents and professionals to locate assistance for children ages birth-5 years with any special needs.	NYSED, NYSDOH
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	The federal agency responsible for handling complaints of workplace discrimination. The organization was created by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to administer and enforce its prohibitions against discrimination in the workplace.	USDOJ
EEDA	East End Disability Associates	See CRD of LI	NYSOMR/DD
EI	Early Intervention	Programs started early in life to improve the physical, mental or emotional functioning of a child with a disability or developmental delay.	NYSDOH, NYSED
EITC	Earned Income Tax Credit	Refundable federal credit for which families with dependent children & limited incomes may be eligible.	USIRS, NYSOTDA
eMedNY	Electronic Medicaid New York	Medicaid Management Information System developed & implemented by Computer Science Corporation (CSC).	USDHHS, NYSDOH
EMEVS	Electronic Medicaid Eligibility Verification System	Major component of NYS Medicaid system, performing certain automated functions, including eligibility verification, authorization, prospective DUR.	NYSDOH
EOB	Explanation of Benefits	Explanation of denied or reduced payment included on a remittance advise.	USDHHS, CMS, NYSID
EOC	Economic Opportunity Council	See CRD of LI	

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EP	Essential Person	An individual who qualifies for Family Assistance (TANF) because s/he is essential for the well being of case members.	USDHHS, NYSOTDA
EPIC	Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage	NY- State funded program covering prescriptions for the elderly population with limited income.	NYSDOH, NYSID
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic Testing	Screening & diagnostic services to determine physical or mental conditions in recipients under 21 years	NYSDOH
FA	Family Assistance	Called Temporary Assistance to needy Families (TANF): replaced AFDC.	USDHHS, NYSOTDA
FAN	Food and Nutition program	Federal Commodities Supplemental Food program, from NYS, run locally by Catholic Charities: provides food and nutrition to income eligible pregnant, post partum and nursing mothers, children under age 7 and Seniors.	USDA, NYSDOH
FAPE	Free appropriate public education	Guarantee of federal IDEA legislation relating to education of children w disabilities.	USDE, NYSED
FCS	Family Counseling Center	See CRD of LI	
FDC	Family Development Credentialed	A person trained & credentialed in family support.	NYSOMH
FEGS	Federation of Employment & Guidance Services	See CRD of LI	
FEIN	Federal Employer Identification Number	Number assigned to businesses by federal government and used for reporting all federal tax information.	US Treasury, USIRS

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Felony	Felony	An offence for which a sentence of a term of imprisonment in excess of one year is imposed. It is used for very serious crimes. It means a crime against the government, and is principally used in United States criminal law.	NYSDPCA
FFP	Federal Financial Participation	Percentage of reimbursement to the State by the federal government for medical services and administrative costs of the MA program.	USDHHS
FFS	Fee For Service	Type of health coverage, with deductibles and coinsurance, that typically allows you to go to any doctor or provider. Your insurance company reimburses your provider for each covered service.	NYSDOH, NYSID
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year	October 1 through September 31	
FLP	Free Look Period	Time period after receipt of policy during which policyholder may cancel & receive full refund. In NYS, this period is usually 30 days for long term care insurance policies.	NYSDOH, NYSID
Formulary	Formulary	A list of prescription medications that a drug plan will cover.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
FPL	Federal Poverty Level (Threshhold)	Originally the dollar cost of the USDA's economy food plan for families of three or more persons and multiplied by the cost be a factor of three.	DHHS, USDI (Bureau of the Census)
FREE	Family Residences & Essential Enterprises	See CRD of LI	
FSL	Family Service League	See CRD of LI	
FSNE	Food Stamp Nutrition Education	In NYS Eat Smart is practical information for recipients of food stamps to eat better and smarter.	USDA, NYSDOH

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Functional Assessment	Functional Assessment	Evaluating a need for assistance to carry out specific activities of daily living.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
GIS	Geographic Information System	Commercial software using geocoding to display data in a map format.	
Guardianship	Guardianship	A surrogate court proceeding that grants limited or full decision making over a portion (of the affairs) of an adult with a mental disability to a third party (17-a or Article 81).	NYSUCS
HALI	Hands Across LI	See CRD of LI	
HANDS	Handicapped Adults New Directions of Suffolk	See CRD of LI	
HCBS	Home & Community Based Services	A wide range of long term health care services, from skilled nursing care and physical therapy to personal care delivered at home or in a residential setting.	USDHHS, NYSDOH, CMS
HCC	Hispanic Counseling Center	See CRD of LI	
HEAP	Home Energy Assistance Program	Assists low income eligible household that pay high proportion of household income for home energy, especially in meeting immediate home energy needs.	USDHHS, NYSOTDA
HHC	Home Health Care	An organization that arranges for or contracts with a variety of health care providers to deliver a range of services to consumer members.	NYSDOH
HMO	Heath Maintenance Organization	A federally qualified organization providing a wide range of comprehensive health care services for a specified group at a fixed periodic prepayment.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
Hospice	Hospice Care	A program of palliative care for people who are terminally ill & have a life expectancy of six months or less.	USDHHS, CMS, NYSDOH

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ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Disease, 9th Edition, Clinical Modification	ICD-9-CM codes are standardized diagnostic cases used on claims submitted by providers; medical billing.	NCHS, USDHHS
ICF	Intermediary Care Facility	Provides residential care and treatment for Medicaid eligible individuals usually with mental retardation or developmental disabilities.	USDHHS, CMS, NYSOMR/DD
ICC	Intensive Case Coordinators	Home & Community Based Services case managers.	NYSDOH, NYSOMH, NYSOMR/DD
ICM	Intensive Case Management	Intensive community support for individuals recovering from mental illness.	NYSOMH, NYSDOH
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	A federal law guaranteeing people with disabilities a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.	USED, NYSED
IEP	Individualized Education Plan	A written, reviewed plan of educational services, supports and ancillary care for child with a disability under IDEA.	USED, NYSED
IFSP	Individual Family Services Plan	Documents and guides the early intervention process for children with disabilities and their families, in accordance with Part C of IDEA.	NYSDOH
IGHL	Independent Group Home Living	See CRD of LI	
ILC	Independent Living Center	Non-residential center run by people with disabilities for people with disabilities; Suffolk Independent Living Organization - SILO.	NYSED
IMA	Industrial Medicine Associates	Formed in 1990, IMA is a national leader in compensation, disability, employment, Independent Medical Evaluations and Corporate Health and Occupational Medical Services.	

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Informal Support	Informal Supports	Unpaid care and support provided to a consumer by family, friends, neighbors and others in the community.	NYSOFA, NYConnects
IPE	Individualized Plan for Employment	Formerly IWRP, training plan written by VESID or CBVH counselor that leads to employment.	NYSED, NYSOTDA
IPRT	Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitative Treatment	Time-limited program in which treatment staff and client develop mutually agreeable plan outlining specific goals, methods and timetable to achieve skills & supports to live, work & participate in community.	NYSOMH
ISP	Integrated Services Plan/Provider	Ever changing life-plan for person with a disability or agency responsible for supporting that plan.	NYSOMH, NYSOMR/DD
IRS	Internal Revenue Service	The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the federal agency responsible for enforcing US tax laws and collecting taxes.	USDT
JD	Juvenile Delinquent	A person between ages of 7 to 16 years who commits an act, that had it been committed by an adult it would have been a crime.	NYSOCFS, NYSDFCA
LDSS	Local Department of Social Services	County Department of Social Services	NYSOTDA, NYSOCFS, NYSDOH
LEA	Local Educational Agency	Local school district	NYSED
LEICC	Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council	A Council made up of parents and professionals who advise the Early Intervention Official about local early intervention issues such as gaps in services.	NYSDOH

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LEP	Limited English Proficiency	Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964: prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in any program or activity receiving FFP, requires reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities.	USED, NYSSSED
LIAAC	Long Island Association for AIDS Care	See CRD of LI	
LIAC	Long Island Advocacy Center	See CRD of LI	
LIDDSO/ DDSO	LI Developmental Disabilities Service Office/ aka Developmental Disabilities Services Office	The Long Island DDSO provides a full range of services to families and individuals with Developmental Disabilities.	NYSOMR/DD
LIF	Low Income Family	Family living below federal poverty level.	NYSOTDA
LIFT	Long Island Families Together	A grass roots, parent run organization offering support, information, referral and advocacy for parents of children with emotional or mental difficulties.	
LIFT	Long Island Forum for Technology	Premier resource for technology-driven industrial growth supporting manufacturing & business professional on LI.	USDOC, USDOL
LIHIA	Long Island Head Injury Association	See CRD of LI	
LIHP	Long Island Housing Partnership	See CRD of LI	
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	The educational setting where a child with a disability receives a free appropriate public education (FAPE) designed to meet his/her education needs in a regular educational environment among their peers with no disability .	USED, NYSED

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LTC	Long Term Care	Necessary diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, curative, treating, mitigating, rehabilitative services & maintenance, and PC services required by person with chronic illness pursuant to plan of care prescribed by licensed health care practitioner.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
LTCF	Long Term Care Facility	Long term care facilities include nursing facilities, Intermediate Care facilities for people with mental retardation and other medical facilities receiving MA payments for people who are institutionalized.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
LTCI	Long Term Care Insurance	Insurance available through private companies to assist people in paying for needed care while protecting themselves from the high costs of long term care.	USDHHS, NYSID, NYSDOH
MA	Medical Assistance/ Medicaid	Categorical & income eligible program supported by federal, state and local dollars, and administered by each State to provide health coverage for eligible individuals.	USDHHS, CMS, NYSDOH
Medicare	Medicare	A federal insurance program to assist people age 65 years plus and people w disabilities with hospital and medical coverage; includes co-payments & deductible.	USDHHS, CMS
Medigap	Medigap	Private insurance policies to supplement Medicare benefits by covering co-payments and deductibles; provide limited long term care assistance.	USDHHS, CMS
Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	An offence, other than traffic violation, for which a sentence of a term of imprisonment in excess of 15 days but less than one year.	NYSUCS, NYSDPCA
MHL	Mental Health Law		NYSDOH

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MICA	Mentally Ill Chemical Abuser	A term referring to individual with both mental illness and abuse of chemicals (alcohol, drugs or addictive substance).	NYSOASAS
MMA	Medicare Modernization Act	2003 federal law created the Medicare drug benefit, referred to as Part D.	USDHHS, CMS
MMIS	Mediciad Management Information System	A computerized claims processing and information retrieval system related to Medicaid claims.	USDHHS, CMS, NYSDOH
MSC	Medical Services Coordinator	Usually a graduate of an accredited nursing program and responsible for operation and management of nursing and medical components of a program.	NYSOMH, NYSOMR/DD
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics	The Nation's principal health statistics agency, we compile statistical information to guide actions and policies to improve the health of our people.	USDHHS, CDC
NIDRR	National Institute on Disability & Rehabilitation Research	Provides leadership and support for a comprehensive program of research related to the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.	USDOE, OSERS
NLSL	Nassau-Suffolk Law Services	See CRD of LI	
NSSA	Nassau-Suffolk Services for the Autistic	See CRD of LI	
NY Connects	New York Connects	Point of Entry for all long term care services in New York state regardless of age, payer or disability.	NYSOFA
NYCRR	New York State Code of Rules & Regulations	Rules & regulations governing functioning of state government agencies and their local contractors.	NYSDOS
NYSCQCAPD	New York State Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for People with Disabilities	a.k.a. CQC; see CQCAPD	

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NYS DHCR	New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal	a.k.a. DHCR; see DHCR	
NYS DOH	New York State Department of Health	a.k.a. DOH	
NYS DOL	New York State Department of Labor	a.k.a. DOL	
NYS DOS	New York State Department of State	a.k.a. DOS or just State, is the oldest agency in the administration of NYS government other than governor & lieutenant governor, and is known as the "Keeper of Records".	
NYS ED	New York State Education Department	a.k.a. SED; sometimes State Education Agency or SEA. Headed by the Board of Regents, SED is the most complete, interconnected system of educational services in the United States.	
NYS FCA	New York State Family Court Act	a.k.a. FCA purpose and aim is to protect and preserve the institution of marriage and to promote the welfare of children and provide for settlement of disputes by conciliation.	
NYS DPCA	New York State Division or Probation & Correction Alternatives	a.k.a. DPCA; see DPCA	
NYS OASAS	New York State Office of Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services	a.k.a. OASAS; see OASAS.	
NYS OFCS	New York State Office of Children & Family Services	a.k.a. OFCS	

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NYSOFA	New York State Office of the Aging	OFA helps older New Yorkers be as independent as possible through advocacy, development & delivery of cost-effective policies, programs & services which support & empower the elderly & their families, in partnership public and private organizations which serve them.	
NYSOMH	New York State Office of Mental Hygiene	a.k.a. OMH; see OMH	
NYSOMR/DD	New York State Office of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities	a.k.a. OMR/DD: see OMR/DD	
NYSOTDA	New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance	a.k.a OTDA: see OTDA	
NYSPHL	New York State Public Health Law	a..k.a. PBH, laws related to State health and running of the 62 County health departments, as defined in Laws of New York, Consolidated Laws.	
NYSSSL	New York State Social Service Law	a.k.a. SOS prescribes all forms of public welfare work for which the State is responsible, as defined in Laws of New York, Consolidated Laws.	
OASAS	Office of Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services	State agency working to ensuring quality prevention and treatment services for chemical dependence and compulsive gambling, and promoting recovery from addiction.	NYS

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OCA	Office of Court Administration	OCA is the administrative arm of the NYS court system, established by & functioning under the auspices of the Chief Administrative Judge, who is responsible, on behalf of the Chief Judge, for supervising administration & operation of trial courts.	
OCFS	Office of Children & Family Services	Formerly State Division for Youth	USDHHS
Olmstead	Olmstead Decision	1999 Supreme Court decision requiring states to administer services, programs & activities in the most integrated setting appropriate for qualified individuals with disabilities.	
OMH	Office of Mental Hygiene	A large, multi-faceted mental health system that operates psychiatric centers across the State, and regulates, certifies and oversees programs operated by local governments and nonprofit agencies.	USDHHS
OMR/DD	Office of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities	Responsible for the administrative, funding, and regulatory oversight of all MRDD programs State-wide. Oversees a network of not-for-profit agencies providing support services to the mentally retarded/developmentally disabled of all ages living at home.	
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs	Division with federal Department of Education.	USDOE
OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services	Self-explanatory.	USDOE
OSSES	Office of Special Education Services	New York State Office.	USDOE

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OTDA	Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance	Formed by State Welfare Reform in late 1990s the office promotes greater self-sufficiency of the State's residents through the efficient delivery of temporary and transitional assistance, disability assistance, and the collection of child support	USDHHS
PASS	Plan for Achieving Self-Support	Social Security work-incentive for people receiving or eligible for SSI where person sets aside income for achieving specific life goal for specified time, and income remains invisible as asset.	USDHHS
Part A	Medicare Part A	Medicare Hospital Insurance helps cover inpatient care in hospitals and non-custodial, non-long term care skilled nursing facilities.	USDHHS, CMS
Part B	Medicare Part B	Medicare Medical Insurance covers physician and outpatient services & supplies that are medically necessary.	USDHHS, CMS
Part D	Medicare Part D	Section of MMA which established the Medicare prescription coverage.	USDHHS, CMS
PC	Period of Care	A specified number of days of care in either a nursing home or while receiving home care services, without a break in services.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
PCA	Personal Care Attendant	Person providing assistance with walking, bathing, eating or other routine ADLs.	NYSDOH
PCP	Primary Care Physician	An internist, pediatrician, family physician, general practitioner or OB/GYN who coordinates your care and makes referrals to specialists as needed.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
PDI	Pre-disposition Investigation	Process by which a Probation Officer investigates & produces a report prior to the Dispositional Hearing pursuant to a Family Court Order.	NYSDPCA

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PDP	Prescription Drug Plan	A company with its own formulary, pharmacy network and procedures, to which a dually eligible person is automatically assigned.	USDHHS, CMS, NYSDOH
PINS	Person in Need of Supervision	Court ordered monitoring of activities of person < 16 years of age.	NYSDPCA
PL	Public Law	That law which applies to public.	
PLTC	Partnership for Long Term Care	A public-private partnership providing private long term care insurance with Medicaid extended coverage to provide NewYorkers with a life time of long term care benefits.	USDHHS, CMS, NYSDOH, NYSID
POE	Point of Entry	A local, consumer centered point of entry for all long term care regardless of payer; aka NY Connects.	NYSOFA
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization	A managed care coverage based on a network of physicians and hospitals providing care to an enrolled population at a prearranged discounted rate.	NYSDOH
PRO	Peer Review Organization	An independent, not-for-profit corporation committed to assessing and improving the value of health care services received by consumers through the use of innovative methods and technologies	USDHHS, NYSDOH
PSCSE	Pre-school Committee of Special Education	Professionals and parents work as a team (CPSE) determining each child's educational strengths & needs, recommending appropriate special education programs and/or services	NYSED
PSI	Pre-sentence Investigation	Process by Probation Officer investigates & produces report pursuant to a Criminal Court order prior to conviction & prior to sentence.	NYSDPCA
PWD	Person with a Disability	Simple abbreviation, not necessarily tied to federal or state definitions.	

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QDWI	Qualified Disabled Working Individual	A federal category of MA eligibility for disabled person with income, 200% federal poverty level, where MA pays Medicare Part A premium.	USDHHS, CMS
QLTCS	Qualified Long Term Care Services	Same as LTC but recognized by Internal Revenue Service.	USIRS
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary	A federal category of MA eligibility for aged, blind or disabled individuals, entitled to Medicare Part A, with income < 110% federal poverty level & assets twice the SSI assets limit.	USDHHS, CMS
Respite Care	Respite Care	Services to provide family member a rest or vacation from care giving responsibilities; may be in home or center-based.	NYSDOH, NYSOFA, NYSOMH, NYSOMR/DD
RCF	Residential Care Facility	Facility providing 24-hour care & services sufficient to assist a minimum of 3 residents with ADLs. Provides at least 2 meals per day, has formal arrangements for emergency medical care & procedures in place to administer drugs prescribed by law.	
RFI	Request for Information	Phrase introduced through changes in New York State Municipal Law for open competitive bidding on all government projects, government surplus, and other government contracting and bidding opportunities published by all levels of government agencies.	
RFP	Request for Proposal	Same as above.	
RFQ	Request for Quotations	Same as above.	

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RSDI	Retired Survivor's Disability Insurance	Insurance program provides benefits to widows, widowers or certain dependent family members including children <19 years of age or those disabled prior to age 22 years.	USDHHS
RTC	Residential Treatment Center	Non-secure group home setting.	NYSOCFS, NYSOMH, NYSOPCA
RTF	Residential Treatment Facility	Secure institutional setting.	NYSOMH, NYSOCFS, NYSOPCA
SAAM	Substance Abuse Assessment & Monitoring	Services or activities that are primarily designed to assess, deter, reduce, or eliminate substance abuse or chemical dependence.	NYSOASAS, NYSOTDA
SC	Service Coordination	Consultative & planning services provided by professional, usually licensed nurse or social worker, to assess, coordinate and monitor over-all medical, personal & social services for individual needing long term care.	NYSDOH
SCAT	Suffolk County Accessible Transportation	Paratransit system for people with disabilities not able to use public transportation in Suffolk County; ADA responsive.	SCDOT, USDOJ
SCR	State Central Register of Child Abuse & Maltreatment 1-800-342-3720	The Central Register relays information from the calls to the local Child Protective Service for investigation, monitors their prompt response, and identifies if there are prior child abuse or maltreatment reports.	NYSOCFS
SDX	State Data Exchange system	Social Security Administration's method of transferring entitlement information to the State.	USDHHS

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SEA	State Education Agency	a.k.a. New York State Department of Education or SED	USED, NYSED
SETRC	Special Education Training & Resource Center	Special ongoing development for school district personnel, usually housed within a BOCES: covering district needs for student aged 3 years through adulthood.	NYSED
SFY	State Fiscal Year	April 1 through March 31 (NYS)	
SLIMB	Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiary	A federal category of MA eligibility for aged, blind or disabled individuals with incomes between 100 and 120% federal poverty level, & assets < twice SSI asset level. MA pays Medicare Part B premium.	USDHHS, CMS
SNC	Skilled Nursing Care	Level of care that must be given or supervised by a registered nurse.	NYSDOH
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility a.k.a. Nursing Home	A facility providing room & board & a planned continuous medical treatment program including 24-hour skilled nursing, personal & custodial care. All nursing homes are licensed or certified to legally operate within specific jurisdiction.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
SPA	Single Point of Access	A single point of access to all mental health adult housing services in Suffolk County, effective June 2002.	NYSOMH
SPMI	Seriously & Persistent Mental Illness		NYSOMH
SPOA	Single Point of (Accountability) Access	Local government system with increased accountability, best practices and coordination of services to identify, screen, assess, plan for and monitor high risk children & families.	NYSOMH

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SSA	Social Security Administration	A federal organization charged with advancing the economic security of the nation's people, administering programs such as SSDI, SSI, RSDI, and C209Medicare.	USDHHS, CMS
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance	Insurance program provides benefits to workers or certain family members based on a disability severe enough to prevent working for one year, or expected to result in death.	USDHHS, SSA
SSI	Supplemental Security Income	A federal program providing supplemental cash assistance to low income aged, blind or disabled individuals.	USDHHS, SSA
SSL	Social Service Law	Designated as SOS under Laws of New York State.	
Stakeholder	Stakeholder	Those individuals, groups, organizations & Government agencies providing services, funding, advocacy or having a shared interest in the long term care system.**	NYSOFA, NYSDOH
SUNY	State University of New York		
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	Program that replacement Aid to Families with Dependent Children or AFDC.	USDHHS, NYSOCFS, NYSOTDA
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury	An acquired injury to the brain caused by an external physical force, resulting in total or partial functional disability or psychosocial impairment, or both, that adversely affects an individuals performance cognitively, emotionally, or physically.	
Technology Dependent Children	Technology Dependent Children	Children requiring medical technology and special devices to sustain life &/or interact and have an effect on their environment.**	NYSOFA, NYSDOH

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TPR	Third Party Resource	A third-party resource is a source of payment for medical expenses other than the recipient or Medicaid.	USDHHS, NYSDOH
TRAID	Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities	Statewide coordination of assistive technology activities, advocacy & Information for people with disabilities.	USDOE, NIDRR
UCR	Uniform Case Record	All social services districts must establish & maintain a single uniform case record for each family for whom a case record is required pursuant to section 428.1 of this Part (NYCRR) as prescribed by OCFS.	NYSOCFS
UCP of Suffolk	United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk	See CRD of LI	
UR	Utilization Review	An insurer refuses to pay for a medical service it considers experimental, investigational or medically un-necessary.	NYSDOH, NYSID
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture	Enhancing the quality of life for the American people by supporting production of agriculture	
USDHHS	United States Department of Health & Human Services	HHS is the U.S. government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.	
USDOE	United States Department of Education	DOE was created in 1980 by combining offices from several federal agencies. Its original directive remains its mission today — to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation.	USDOE

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USDHUD	United States (Department) Housing and Urban Development	Oversees home ownership, low-income housing assistance, fair housing laws, homelessness, aid for distressed neighborhoods, and housing development programs.	
USDT (DOT)	United States Department of Transportation	Oversees federal highway, air, railroad, and maritime and other transportation administration functions.	
USDOJ	United States Department of Justice	To enforce the law & defend the interests of the US according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.	
USFDA	United States Food & Drug Administration	An agency within the U.S. Public Health Service, which is a part of the Department of Health and Human Services, with 6 oversight divisions.	USDHHS
USIRS	United States Internal Revenue Service	A bureau of the Department of Treasury and one of the world's most efficient tax administrators, helping American taxpayers to understand and meet their tax responsibilities and by applying the tax law with integrity and fairness to all.	
VA	Vocational Assessment	Systemic collection of information about a student's aptitudes, abilities, expressed interests & occupational awareness used in planning transition to competitive employment or post secondary education.	NYSED
VESID	Vocational & Educational Services for Individuals w Disabilities	State rehabilitation agency working with people w disabilities other than legal blindness.	NYSED, OSERS
Viatical Settlement	Vaitical Settlement	A cash lump sum paid in lieu of a life insurance policy's death benefits.	

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VR	Vocational Rehabilitation	Programs designed to assist individuals with disabilities to enter or re-enter gainful employment.	NYSED
WAT	Work Adjustment Training	A VESID sponsored training period to determine an individual's readiness to work.	NYSED
WIC	Women, Infants & Children	A supplemental nutrition program through NYS DOH, for income eligible pregnant women and children to age 5 years.	NYSDOH
WMS	Welfare Management System	Automated information management system utilized by OTDA and 58 local districts maintaining information on client base, eligibility and benefits.	NYSOTDA
YAI	National Institute for Persons with Disabilities	Limited services in Suffolk County; active home health care agency.	
YO	Youthful Offender	Special treatment for certain offenders between ages 14 & 19 years of age, allows the criminal record to be sealed and does not disqualify a person from public employment or licensing.	NYSDPCA
852-COPS	852-COPS	A phone number which allows Suffolk residents to File Quality-of-Life Complaints with the Police Department for follow-up.	
211	211	General information and referral call center tentatively scheduled for LI in late 2007.	
311	311	Varies by locality, usually general government/municipal information.	
411	411	General telephone directory information.	
511	511	Not assigned.	
611	611	Telephone repair services.	

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711	711	TTY information & referral.	
811	811	Not assigned.	
911	911	All life threatening emergencies.	
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	NYS Department of Health		
	NYS Department of Labor		
	NYS Department of State		
	NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal		
	NYS Division of Probation & Correction Alternatives		
	NYS Education Department, Vocational & Education Services for Individuals with Disabilities		
	NYS Insurance Department		
	NYS Office for the Aging		
	NYS Office of Children & Family Services		
	NYS Office of Mental Hygiene		
	NYS Office of Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities		
	NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance		
	NYS Partnership for Long Term Care		
	US Department of Agriculture		
	US Department of Health & Human Services		
	US Department of Justice		
	US Department of Labor		
	US Food & Drug Administration		
**	Definition taken from NY Connects, NYSOFA.		

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