



Acronyms and Definitions

Acronym	Meaning
A	
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACH	Accountable Communities of Health: ACHs are regional public-private partnerships created under Healthier Washington to align local health improvement activities.
ACHE	American College of Healthcare Executives
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
AHCA	American Health Care Association
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research Quality
AMA	American Medical Association
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ASC	Ambulatory Surgical Centers
AWPHD	Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts: AWPHD works to advocate for the interests of public hospital districts, also to serve as a source of information for member executives and boards.
B	
BHO	Behavioral Health Organizations: BHOs are regional entities that contract with DSHS to provide behavioral health services to Medicaid clients.
C	
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDR	Clinical Data Repository
CHIN	Community Health Information Network
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CHNA	Community Health Needs Assessment
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMMI	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation: CMMI oversees innovation and has provided the state with \$65 million to implement Healthier Washington. It is a division of CMS.
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: CMS oversees Medicare and the federal contribution to Medicaid.
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
CPOE	Computerized Physician Order Entry
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement



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D	
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DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DOH	Department of Health: DOH oversees regulations governing hospital, clinic, and professional licensure; professional scope of practice; public health; and disaster readiness. It contains the Rural Health Section.
DRG	Diagnosis-Related Group
DSH	Disproportionate Share Hospital
DSHS	Department of Social and Health Services: DSHS has authority over state-subsidized behavioral health services and long-term care services; it also oversees assistance programs such as food stamps.
DTB	Door To Balloon time
DUR	Drug Utilization Review
E	
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMS	Emergency Medical System
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
F	
FACHE	Fellow, American College of Healthcare Executives
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FFS	Fee For Service
FICA	Federal Insurance Contribution Act
FOIA	Freedom Of Information Act
FP	Family Practitioner
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
G	
GAO	Government Accountability Office
Global Waiver	The waiver is a CMS provision that allows states to experiment by modifying (or waiving) federal legal requirements. Washington is seeking a waiver for greater flexibility in the financing and delivering of Medicaid services under the Healthier Washington program.
GME	Graduate Medical Education
GP	General Practitioner



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H	
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HAC	Hospital Acquired Condition
HAI	Hospital Acquired Infection
HCA	Health Care Authority: HCA is responsible for Medicaid and the Public Employees Benefit program and is the lead agency for Healthier Washington implementation.
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
Healthier Washington	Healthier Washington is the State of Washington's plan to transform the health care system to provide better care, improved health, and lower costs.
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HIE	Health Information Exchange
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HIT	Health Information Technology
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HSA	Health Savings Account
I	
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IGT	Inter-Governmental Transfers
IOM	Institute of Medicine
IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IS	Information Systems
IT	Information Technology
J	
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JV	Joint Venture
LOS	Length Of Stay
LTC	Long-Term Care
M	
MA	Medical Assistant
MCO	Managed Care Organization



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MCR	Medicare Cost Report
Medicaid/Apple Health	Apple Health is a state-administered program that provides health coverage for low-income Washington residents. It is funded by CMS.
Medicare	Medicare is a federal health program for older adults and persons with disabilities.
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MedPAR	Medicare Payment Analysis and Review
MGMA	Medical Group Management Association
MSO	Management Service Organization
MUA	Medically Underserved Area
N	
NDC	National Drug Code
NEJM	New England Journal of Medicine
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NMW	Nurse Midwife
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NRHA	National Rural Health Association
O	
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OP	Outpatient
OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OTC	Over-The-Counter
P	
PA	Physician Assistant
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PFS	Physician Fee Schedule (Medicare)
PharmD	Doctor of Pharmacy
PHO	Physician-Hospital Organization
POS	Point Of Service
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PPP	Preferred Provider Plan
Practice Transformation Hub	The Hub is a component of Healthier Washington intended to provide technical assistance to providers working to integrate physical and behavioral health care, and lower costs.
PSO	Patient Safety Organization



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Q	
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QA	Quality Assessment
QI	Quality Improvement
QM	Quality Management
R	
RCH	Rural Community Hospital
RFP	Request For Proposal
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organization
ROI	Return On Investment
RRC	Rural Referral Center
RSA	Regional Service Areas: RSAs are interested in working with state agencies on a combined health plan contract for both Medicaid and behavioral health services in their area. By 2020 the state will be working with all regional areas to issue combined contracts.
RUG	Resource Utilization Group
RVU	Relative Value Unit
S	
SB	Senate Bill
SEIU	Service Employees International Union
SCH	Sole Community Hospital
SGR	Sustainable Growth Rate
SOA / SOX	Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
T	
TPA	Third-Party Administrator
TQI	Total Quality Improvement
TQM	Total Quality Management
U	
UM	Utilization Management
UR	Utilization Review
V	
VBP	Value-Based Purchasing



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W	
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WC	Workers' Compensation
WHO	World Health Organization
WRHAP	Washington Rural Health Access Preservation Group: The WRHAP group is a small group of financially vulnerable and physically remote CAHs who are working to develop a new model for payment and health care. This group is co-sponsored by WSHA, DOH and HCA.
WSHA	Washington State Hospital Association: With mission of improving quality and increasing access, WSHA represents the interests of hospitals and health systems in Washington State.