



Key Acronyms

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1915(i)	The Medicaid waiver that funds services for high-risk children.
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis. An intervention for children with autism that Medicaid programs are required to cover as a result of a federal class action.
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment (wrap around services reimbursed at 40% higher rate than mobile treatment services)
APM	Alternate Payment Model: healthcare funding model that requires provider risk
ASO	Administrative Services Organization: the vendor responsible for managing the carved-out behavioral health network, utilization, and pay claims.
BHA	Behavioral Health Administration
BRFA	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act. The legislative text that governs the Maryland state budget.
B&T	Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
CAQH	Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare: individual practitioner forms used for credentialing with insurance companies
CARF	Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities
CCBHC	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CHRC	Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
CIN	Clinically Integrated Network
CMS	The federal agency responsible for oversight of state Medicaid programs.
CPA	Child Placement Agency (child welfare license type)
CRISP	Chesapeake Regional Information System for Patients (State designated HIE)
CTI	Care Transformation Initiative
DDA	Development Disabilities Administration. Funds services for individuals with developmental disabilities.
DHS	Department of Human Services
DJS	Department of Juvenile Services
EBP	Evidence-Based Practice
ENS	Encounter Notification Service. CRISP service to notify providers if an active patient is admitted to or discharged from a hospital.
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
FFSPA	Families First Prevention Services Act
FIN	Senate Finance Committee – the state senate's committee of jurisdiction for health policy issues
GBR	Global Budget Revenue: payment methodology for Maryland hospitals. Click here to learn more.
GBRICS	Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis System
GOC	Governor's Office for Children
HCBS	Home and Community-Based Services
HGO	Health & Government Operations Committee – the state's house committee of jurisdiction for health policy issues
HIE	Health Information Exchange: see CRISP. Also Health Insurance Exchange: portal for purchasing insurance.



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HOPE Act	Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort: Act passed with mandated rate increases for behavioral health.
HSCRC	Health Services Cost Review Commission: The Commission that sets hospital rates and monitors performance with federally-negotiated deliverables. Click here to learn more.
KTDO	Keep the Door Open Act: the bill introduced with mandated rate increases for behavioral health services, later consolidated with other bills into the HOPE Act.
LBHA	Local Behavioral Health Authority: the county-level organizations interfacing with BHA. Formerly known as CSA (core service agencies) or LAAs (local addiction authorities).
MAC	Medicaid Advisory Committee
MACS	Maryland Association of Community Services: association representing providers offering services to individuals with developmental disabilities
MACRA	Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act
MADC	Maryland Addiction Directors' Council: associating representing addiction treatment programs.
MANO	Maryland Nonprofit Organization:
MARFY	Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth: the association representing providers in the child welfare space.
MAT	Medication-assisted Treatment
MATOD	Maryland Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence: association representing opioid treatment programs in Maryland.
MBHS	Maryland Behavioral Health Solutions, a provider network launched by CBH members in 2019.
MCO	Managed Care Organization: the insurance companies who contract with Medicaid to manage somatic care for most Medicaid beneficiaries.
MCCCS	Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports
MDH	Maryland Department of Health
MDPCP	Maryland Primary Care Program: a newish model of care for Medicare beneficiaries that gives physicians higher payments for care coordination.
MSDE	Maryland State Department of Education
MIPS	Merit- based Incentive Payment System
NOMS	National Outcome Measures
NQS	National Quality Strategy
OHCQ	Office of Health Care Quality (@ MDH)
OMHC	Outpatient Mental Health Center
OMS	Outcome Measurement System: a patient interview/scoring system used to obtain authorizations for OMHCs and OTPs
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator (certifies Electronic Health/Medical Record systems)
OCC	Opioid Operational Command Center
OTP	Opioid Treatment Program
PQRS	Physician Quality Reporting System
PRP	Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program
QRTP	Qualified Residential Treatment Program- enhanced federal designation for an RCC
RCC	Residential Childcare Center (referring to child welfare license type)
RRP	Residential Rehabilitation Program
SAMSHA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration: federal agency that passes grants to states for funding behavioral health services.



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SE	Supported Employment
SOC	System of Care (usually referring to coordinated children's service systems)
SPA	State Plan Amendment
SSA	Social Security Administration
SUD	Substance Use Disorder
TCM	Targeted Case Management
TFC	Treatment Foster care
TCOC	Total Cost of Care: the hospital funding model and deliverables negotiated between the HSCRC and CMS. Click here to learn more.
VBP	Value-based Purchasing/Payment