



MHMRA of Harris County
Intellectual Disabilities Services Division

Definitions of Unofficial But Often Used
Terms, Acronyms and Abbreviations

2292	Legislation to consolidate and streamline the delivery of health and human services in Texas. Passed in 2003 [House Bill 2292]
AAA	A rea A gency on A ging
AAIDD	A merican A ssociation on I ntellectual & D evelopmental D isabilities [formerly the American Association on Mental Retardation - AAMR]
AAPD	A merican A ssociation of P eople with D isabilities
ABA	A ppplied B ehavior A nalysis
ABL	A daptive B ehavior L evel
ACES	A dult C risis E mergency S tabilization [Program at NPC]
ACP	A dvanced C linical P ractitioner
ADA	A mericans with D isabilities A ct of 1990 [US]
ADD	A ttention D eficit D isorder
ADH	A ttention D eficit H yperactivity D isorder
D	A ging and D isability R esource C enter
ADR	A dult M ental H ealth
C	A dult M ental H ealth P lanning A dvisory C ouncil
AMH	A dministrato R O n D uty
AMH/PAC	A dult P rotective S ervices
AOD	The Arc or ARC [an organization that advocates for children and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism]
APS	A dmission, R eview and D ismissal [Individual Educational Planning Committee]
ARD or ARC	A dmission, R eview and D ismissal [Individual Educational Planning Committee]
ASA	A utism S ociety of A merica
AS	A utism S pectrum D isorder
Asperger's Disorder	An autism spectrum disorder characterized by significant difficulties in social interaction, along with restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior and interests, however, no delays are typically noted in language, cognitive, self-help or adaptive skills, or in curiosity about the environment in childhood.
Authority	"Front Door" or entry point for most clients to deem eligibility
BHO	B ehavioral H ealth O rganization
BIP	B alancing I ncentive P rogram or B ehavior I ntervention P lan
BTP	B ehavior T raining P rogram [Program in IDSD, MHMRA]
BTT	B ehavior T reatment and T raining C enter [Richmond Texas]
C	C ost A ccounting M ethodology
CAM	C orrective A ction P lan
CAP	C hild and A dolescent P sychiatric E mergency S ervice [Program at NPC]
CAPE	C lient A ssessment R eview and E valuation
S	C hild and A dolescent S ervices
CARE	
CAS	

CBA	Community Based Alternatives
CBO	Client Benefits Office
CBS	Community Behavioral Supports Team
T	Consumer Directed Services
CDS	DADS' Main Office
Central Office CFC	Community First Choice – let's States provide home and community-based attendant services to Medicaid enrollees with disabilities under their state plan.
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Plan or Children's Health Initiative Program
CIHS	Contracts for In Home Support
CIT	Crisis Intervention Training or Crisis Intervention Team
CLASS	Community Living Assistance & Support Services
CLOIP	Community Living Options Information Process
CLP	Community Living Plan
CM	Case Management/Case Manager
CMPAS	Consumer Managed Personal Assistant Services
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [formerly Health Care Financing Administration - HCFA]
COC	Continuity of Care
Coffeehouse	An IDSD program, the Coffeehouse serves adults over the age of 18 who have a diagnosis of Asperger's Disorder or a similar condition.
Community Center(s)	MHMR Community Centers. [A local organization created by the Texas Legislature for the purpose of providing services via contract with the DADS. A Community Center may be established for a county or for several counties and is under the control of the county commissioners.]
ComNet	Phone Conference
COR	Clinical Out-of-Home Respite
Core Service	Service required by DADS Contract
CPAC	Citizens' Planning Advisory Council
CPEP	Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program [MHMRA Division which includes the NPC, MCOT, Bristow, etc.]
CPS	Child Protective Services
CRCG	Community Resource Coordination Group for children
CRCGA	Community Resource Coordination Group for Adults
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs Program
CWP	Consolidated Waiver Program
DADS	Department of Aging and Disability Services Intellectual Disabilities Services, State Supported Living Centers and Community Services, fall under this HHSC agency, as well as nursing homes and aging services
DARS	Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services [replaces Texas Rehabilitation Commission - TRC]
D&E	Diagnosis and Evaluation
DBMD	Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities [Texas DADS]
DFPS	Department of Family and Protective Services [includes Child and Adult Protective Services under HHSC]
DH	[Texas] Department of Human Services
S	Determination of Intellectual Disability [formerly Determination of Mental Retardation - DMR]
DID	

DOB	Date of Birth
DOE	Department of Education
DOJ	Department of Justice [Federal]
DOL	Department of Labor
DPR	Department of Protective and Regulatory Services
S	Down Syndrome Association
DSA	Down Syndrome Association of Houston
DSA H	Department of State Health Services [Mental Health Services, State Hospitals and Community Services, fall under this HHSC agency.]
DSM 5	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
Decertification/ Decertified	State sanction which revokes an HCS or ICF-IID providers ability to provide services within the geographic area they have been licensed to serve [example: Harris County]
DSRIP	Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments
DVC	Data Verification Criteria
DVM	Data Verification Manual/Module
Dx	Diagnosis
Dual Diagnosis	A diagnosis of Intellectual Disability and a psychiatric disorder OR a diagnosis of Mental Illness and Substance Abuse
ECI	Early Childhood Intervention Program [birth to three years]
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EIS	Early Intervention Specialist
EOA	Equity of Access
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FASD	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
FEAT	Families for Early Autism Treatment
FTE	Full-Time Employee
FTO	First Time Offender Program
FY	Fiscal Year [September through August]
Fiscal Year	Contract Year used by DADS [September through August]
Forecaster	Web-based budgeting software for the Agency
GR	General Revenue – State tax dollars MHMR receives to fund programs not covered by Medicaid or other funding sources
HB	House Bill
H C	A Health Care need so severe that its treatment and monitoring are the foremost considerations in planning the individual's activities. Immediate twenty-four (24) hour availability of nursing staff, weekly physician intervention, and monitoring of a health care plan by a professional nurse are often needed. [DADS Contract]
HCC	Houston Community College
HCCTP	Harris County Coordinated Transportation Program
HCPC	Harris County Psychiatric Center
HCPS	Harris County Protective Services
HCS	Home and Community-Based Services
HCS-O or HCS-OBRA	Home and Community-Based Services - Omnibus Reconciliation Act [nursing homes]
HCSSA	Home and Community Support Services Agency
HCTCC	Harris County Transportation Coordinated Council

HD	H yperactive D isorder
Held Harmless	No penalties
HELP	H ealth, E ducation, L abor and P ensions [Senate Subcommittee]
H-GAC	H ouston- G alveston A rea C ouncil
HHS	[Department of] H ealth and H uman S ervices [Federal/State]
HHSC	[The Texas] H ealth and H uman S ervices C ommission
HIPAA	The H ealth I nsurance P ortability and A ccountability A ct of 1996. Designed to protect health insurance coverage for workers and their families when they change or lose their jobs. Intended to ensure patient confidentiality for all health care related information.
HIPP	The Texas H ealth I nsurance P remium P ayment Program [for Texas Medicaid recipients and family]
HMO	H ealth M aintenance O rganization or H ealth M anagement O rganization
HRD	H uman R esources D epartment
Hx	History
I&R	I nformation and R eferral
ICAP	I nventory for C lient and A gency P lanning [Assessment]
ICF-IID	I ntermediate C are F acility for I ndividuals with I ntellectual D isabilities
ICF/IID-RC	I ntermediate C are F acility for I ndividuals with I ntellectual D isabilities— R elated C onditions
ID	I ntellectual D isabilities
IDA	I ntellectual D isability A uthority
IDD	I ntellectual and D evelopmental D isabilities
IDD-PAC	I ntellectual & D evelopmental D isabilities P lanning A dvisory C ouncil
IDDNC	I ntellectual & D evelopmental D isabilities N eeds C ouncil of Harris County
IDEA	I ndividuals with D isabilities E ducation A ct of 1990.
IDLA	I ntellectual D isability L ocal A uthority
ID/MI	[Diagnosis of] I ntellectual D isability/ M ental I llness
ID/RC	I ntellectual D isability/ R elated C ondition A ssessment
IDSD	I ntellectual D isabilities S ervices D ivision
IDT	I nterdisciplinary T eam
IEP	I ndividual E ducation P lan
IHCS	I n- H ome C risis S upport
IHP	I ndividualized H abilitation P lan
IPC	I ndividual P lan of C are OR I ndividual P rogram C oordinator
IQ	I ntelligence Q uotient or I ntellectual Q uotient
ISD	I ndependent S chool D istrict
IT	I nterdisciplinary T eam OR [MHMRA] I nformation T echnology D epartment
ITP	I ndividual T ransition P lan
JPO	J uvenile P robation O ffice
LA	L ocal A uthority
LA	L egally A uthorized R epresentative OR L egislative A uthorization
R	R equest
LBB	L egislative B udget B oard [Texas Legislature]
LD	L earning D isabled/ L earning D isability

Life Safety Code	The Life Safety Code addresses those construction, protection and occupancy features necessary to minimize danger to life from fire, smoke, fumes or panic.
LIDA	Local Intellectual Disability Authority
LMHA	Local Mental Health Authority
LMSW	Licensed Master Social Worker
LMSW—ACP	Licensed Master Social Worker—Advanced Clinical Practitioner
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LOC	Level of Care
LON	Level of Need
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
LRA	Least Restrictive Alternative
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LSA	Local Service Area
LTC	Long Term Care
LTSS	Long Term Service and Support
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
Local Plan	Local Authorities' plan submitted to the MHMRA Board of Trustees recommending priorities to be established for the Intellectual Disabilities Services Division for the next biennium [see Strategic Plan]
MA	Master of Arts [degree]
MAC	Medicaid Administrative Claiming
MAO	Medical Assistance Only
MAP	Monthly Ability to Pay
MBHO	Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organization
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MD	Medical Doctor or Medicinae Doctor [Doctor of Medicine]
MDCP	Medically Dependent Children's Program
MDU	Multiple Disabilities Unit [State Hospital]
Mentor	Advisor/Counselor
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MH	Mental Health
MHA	Mental Health Authority
MHMRA	Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
IDLA	Intellectual Disability Local Authority
MS	Master of Science [degree]
MSA	Management Service Agreement
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan [for the Houston-Galveston Region]
NAC	Network Advisory Council
NAMI	National Alliance on Mental Illness
NGM	New Generation Medication
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NPC	NeuroPsychiatric Center [MHMRA – part of CPEP]
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OIG	Office of the Inspector General

Olmstead Decision	No person should have to live in a nursing home or other institution if he or she chooses to live in a home or community-based setting
OT	O ccupational T herapy/ O ccupational T herapist
PA	P lanning A dvisory C ouncil
C	P roviders A lliance for C ommunity S ervices of T exas
PACST	P arents A ssociation for the R etarded of T exas
X PART	P re- A dmission S creening and R esident R eview
PASR	P rimary C are C ase M anagement
R	P rimary C are P hysician
PCCM	A severe P hysical D isability, which requires some type of support as evidenced by a need for an ongoing program designed and monitored by a professionally qualified habilitation therapist or specialist. Such programs are designed to alleviate the primary condition and decrease the effects of any secondary disability. These disabilities may include, but are not limited to, eating problems, ambulation problems, severe sensory (tactile, visual, and/or auditory) impairments, and other major physical disabilities. [DADS Contract]
PCP	
PD	
PDP	P erson- D irected P lanning or P erson- D irected P lan
PES	P sychiatric E mergency S ervices [Program at NPC]
PHC	P rimary H ome C are
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy [degree]
PHI	P rotected H ealth I nformation [used in conjunction with HIPAA]
PI	P romoting I ndependence
PIAC	P romoting I ndependence A dvisory C ommittee
PIP	P romoting I ndependence P lan
PMAB	P revention and M anagement of A ggressive B ehavior
PMRA	P ersons with M ental R etardation A ct
PNAC	P lanning and N etwork A dvisory C ommittee
POC	P lan of C are or P lan of C orrection
POCO	P lan of C are O versight
POE	P oint of E ntry
POI	P lan of I mprovement
PPAT	P rivate P roviders A ssociation of T exas
PPP	P rospective P ayment P lan
PSA	P ublic S ervice A nnouncement
PT	P hysical T herapy/ P hysical T herapist
Performance Measures	Goals established by a contract usually expressed in numbers of persons served or hours or days of service provided.
QA	Q uality A ssurance
QAC	Q uality A ssessment C ouncil
QAF	Q uality A ssurance F ee
QAIS	Q uality A ssurance and I mprovement S ystem
QIDP	Q ualified I ntellectual D isability P rofessional
QIP	Q uality I mprovement P lan
QIT	Q uality I mprovement T eam
QM	Q uality M anagement
QMB	Q ualified M edicare B eneficiary
RASH	R ights, A buse, S afety, H ealth [used in conjunction with QAIS]

RC	Related Condition
RD	Resilience Disease Management
M	Request for Proposal
RFP	Registered Nurse
RN	Richmond State School [now Richmond State Supported Living Center]
RSS	OR Residential Support Services
RSSLC	Richmond State Supported Living Center [formerly Richmond State School]
Rus	Rusk State Hospital
k SA	State Authority
SAI	Single Accountable Individual [new terminology for an Individual Program Coordinator (IPC)]
SAT	Self-Assessment Team
SB	State Bill
SC	Service Coordination OR Service Coordinator
SHL	Supported Home Living
SKIP	ABA Skills Intervention Program
SL	Supervised Living
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SPAC	Senior Program Activity Coordinator
SPOA	Single Point of Access
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance [Income is incorrect]
SSI	Supplemental [Social] Security Income
SSLC	State Supported Living Center – State funded institutions for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities [formerly State Schools]
SSN	Social Security Number
Stakeholder	A person with a vested interest
STAR+Plus	STAR+Plus is a Texas Medicaid managed care program for people who have disabilities or are age 65 or older. People in STAR+Plus get Medicaid health-care and long-term services and support through a medical plan that they choose.
STARS	Specialized Treatment and Rehabilitation Services
State Institution	A state funded inpatient residential facility for persons with mental illness or IDD.
Strategic Plan	Blueprint for the development of resources
Strategies	Plans of Action
Sunset	Sunset Advisory Commission [State of Texas]
SWA	Social Work Associate
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TAIDD	Texas Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities [formerly TAMR]
Targets	Number of consumers required to be served to meet DADS Contract Targets set by Texas Legislature

TCB	T exas C ommission for the B lind
TCDD	T exas C ouncil for D evelopmental D isabilities
TCM	T argeted C ase M anagement
TCS	T exas C ommunity S olutions
TDH	T exas D epartment of H ealth
TDHS	T exas D epartment H uman S ervices
TDFPS	T exas D epartment of F amily and P rotective S ervices
TEA	T exas E ducation A gency
THSC	T exas H ealth and S afety C ode
TLC	T ransition to L iving in C ommunity
TLOC	T ransition L egislative O versight C ommittee [of the Health and Human Services Commission]
Tx	T reatment
TxDOT	T exas D epartment of T ransportation
TxHmL	T exas H ome L iving W aiver
TWC	T exas W orkforce C ommission
TYC	T exas Y outh C ommission
UCP	U nited C erebral P alsy of Houston
UGMS	U niform G rant M anagement S tandards
UM	U talization M anagement
UR	U talization R eview
UTMB	U niversity of T exas M edical B ranch
UTMSI	U niversity of T exas M ental S ciences I nstitute
Vendor Hold	State sanction of an ICF-IID or HCS provider in which payments for services rendered are placed on hold until corrections have been made to address deficiencies.
VFI	V endor F iscal I ntermediary
VPF	V irtual P roviders F air [on the IDSD Website]
WAIS	W echsler A dult I ntelligence S cale
WAIS-R	W echsler A dult I ntelligence S cale – R evised
Waiver	A change in the Federal rules that allows a Medicaid recipient to choose community based services (HCS, TxHmL, CBA) rather than institutional services (ICF-IID, nursing facility).
WISC	W echsler I ntelligence S cale for C hildren
WISC-R	W echsler I ntelligence S cale for C hildren – R evised
WISC-III	W echsler I ntelligence S cale for C hildren – R evised [3 rd Edition, Intelligence]
WPPSI-R	W echsler P reschool and P rimary S cale of I ntelligence R evised
WRAT-R	W ide R ange A chievement T est – R evised
YES	Y outh E mpowerment S ervices – a short-term HCS waiver for children with mental illness.
YO	Y ear(s) O ld
YOB	Y ear of B irth