

Health Center Program Acronyms

A

ACA	Affordable Care Act (see also PPACA)
AHEC	Area Health Education Center
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ASA	Assistant Secretary for Administration (HHS)
ASAPS	Applications Submission and Processing System
ASH	Assistant Secretary for Health (HHS)
ASL	Assistant Secretary for Legislation (HHS)
ASPE	Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation (HHS)
ASPR	Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (HHS)
ASPA	Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (HHS)
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

B

BCRS	Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service (HRSA)
BHPr	Bureau of Health Professions (HRSA)
BPHC	Bureau of Primary Health Care (HRSA)
BPR	Budget Period Renewal

C

CA	Catchment Area
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAN	Common Accounting Number
CAP	Community Access Program
CAPT	Captain of the Commissioned Corps
CDR	Commander of the Commissioned Corps
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHC	Community Health Center
CIP	Capital Improvement Program awards
CIS	Change in Scope
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (HHS)
COE	Centers of Excellence
CSED	Central South East Division (BPHC)
CT	Census Tract

D

DFI	Division of Financial Integrity (HRSA)
DGMO	Division of Grants Management Operations (HRSA)

E

EHB	Electronic Handbook
EMC	Expanded Medical Capacity

F

FFR	Federal Financial Report
FIP	Facility Investment Program awards
FLEX	Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program
FLRP	Faculty Loan Repayment Program
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FQHCLA	Federally Qualified Health Center Look-alike
FSR	Financial Status Report
FTCA	Federal Tort Claims Act
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year

G

GMS	Grants Management Specialist
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H

HAB	HIV/AIDS Bureau (HRSA)
HC	Health Center
HCQR	Health Center Quarterly Report (ARRA)
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HIPDB	Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
HIT	Health Information Technology
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
HP	Health Professional
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HSB	Healthcare Systems Bureau (HRSA)

I

IDS	Increased Demand for Services awards
IHS	Indian Health Service (HHS)

L

LAL	Look-a-Like
LRP	Loan Repayment Program

M

MAI	Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative
MCD	Minor Civil Division (HRSA)
MCHB	Maternal and Child Health Bureau
MHC	Migrant Health Center
MOU/MOA	Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement
MUA	Medically Underserved Area
MUC	Medically Underserved Community
MUP	Medically Underserved Population

N

NACHC	National Association of Community Health Centers
NAP	New Access Point
NCA	National Cooperative Agreement
NCD	North Central Division (BPHC)
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NED	North East Division (BPHC)
NELRP	Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program
Network	Network Development Grant Program
NGA	Notice of Grant Award
NHAS	National HIV/AIDS Strategy
NHSC	National Health Service Corps (HRSA)
NHSC LRP	National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program
NHSC SP	National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program
NNOHA	National Network for Oral Health Access
NOSORH	National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NPDB	National Practitioner Databank (HRSA)

O

OAM	Office of Administrative Management
OASH	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
OC	Office of Communications (HRSA)
OCR	Office for Civil Rights (HHS)
OFAM	Office of Federal Assistance Management (HRSA)
OGC	Office of the General Counsel (HHS)
OHITQ	Office of Health Information Technology and Quality (BPHC)
OIG	Office of the Inspector General (HHS)
OIT	Office of Information Technology (HRSA)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (HHS)
ONAP	Office of National AIDS Policy
OO	Office of Operations (HRSA)
OPE	Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation (HRSA)
OPPD	Office of Policy and Program Management (BPHC)
OQD	Office of Quality and Data (BPHC)
ORHP	Office of Rural Health Policy (HRSA)
ORO	Office of Regional Operations (HRSA)
OSD	Office of Shortage Designation (BHP, HRSA)
OSPH	Office of Special Population Health (BPHC)
OTTAC	Office of Training and Technical Assistance Coordination (BPHC)

P

PAL	Program Assistance Letter
PD	Position Description
PCA	Primary Care Association
PCO	State Primary Care Office

PCL	Primary Care Loan
PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home
PCSA	Primary Care Service Area
PHS	Public Health Service
PIN	Policy Information Notice
PO	Project Officer
PW	Proposed for Withdrawal
Q	
QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Quality Improvement
R	
RAC	Rural Assistance Center
REC	Regional Extension Center
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RHN	Rural Health Network
3RNet	National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network
R&R	Recruitment and Retention
RRC	Rural Referral Center
RSA	Rational Service Area
RTSC	Recruitment Training and Support Center
RUCA	Rural Urban and Commuting Areas
S	
SAC	Service Area Competition
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (HHS)
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
SEARCH	Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health
Section 330	Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act Statute
SE	Service Expansion
SG	Surgeon General of the United States
SLRP	State Loan Repayment Program
SORH	State Offices of Rural Health
SWD	South West Division (BPHC)
T	
TA	Technical Assistance
U	
UDS	Uniform Data System
UPR	Uniform Progress Report
W	
W	Withdrawn (HPSA)