

Acces-VR: Adult Career & Continuing Ed Services – Vocational Rehabilitation – Assists individuals with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment and to support independent living.

ADL: Activities of Daily Living - Routine things that people do every day, such as eating, bathing, toileting, mobility, etc.

BIP: Behavioral Intervention Plan - A plan developed after a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA). It explains the behavior, possible causes, and strategies on how to support the person.

CAB: Consumer Advisory Board - A special support provided to people who were in the Willowbrook institution. Each “Willowbrook Member” has a CAB member who advocates for them.

CC: Care Coordination – Oversight of services including developmental disability services with health and wellness services.

CM: Care Manager – A Care Coordination Organization (CCO) professional who helps people navigate and coordinate I/DD and health services; formerly known as an MSC.

CAS: Coordinated Assessment System – a person-centered assessment that involves input from the family and/or individual

CCO: Care Coordination Organization - An organization formed by developmental disability service providers and staffed by Care Managers who provide oversight and coordination of a persons’ disability, and health and wellness services to provide to provide better outcomes.

CCS: Care Connection Specialist – A LIFEPlan CCO enrollment specialist who manages referrals in 38 counties.

COS: Circle of Support - (also known as Interdisciplinary Team, or IDT) – A group of people chosen by the member who helps support them in decision making related to their services. This includes the Care Manager, service providers, and natural supports, such as family.

DD: Developmental Disability - A chronic disability which appears before 22 years of age and is attributed to an impairment such as an intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, or other conditions

DDP-2: Developmental Disability Profile – A questionnaire used to provide an accurate and thorough description of skills and challenges of the person with developmental disabilities related to their service needs

DDRO: Development Disabilities Regional Office - An OPWDD designation that divides geographic areas into 5 regions in New York. Families interact with the DDRO that oversees the county they reside in.

DDSO: Developmental Disabilities Service Office - OPWDD offices that provide supports and services to people with developmental disabilities.

DME: Durable Medical Equipment - Equipment used in the home to aid in a better quality of living, such as canes, oxygen equipment and wheelchairs.

DOH: Department of Health - A NYS agency that regulates, coordinates and oversees all aspects of health. It provides essential services and programs for children, youth, families, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

EI: Early Intervention - A general term that describes services for children birth to three with developmental delays and disabilities, as well as support for parents to enhance children's physical, cognitive, communication, social, emotional and adaptive development.

Eligibility – Process by which a person is found to have a qualifying OPWDD diagnosis and can apply for OPWDD services.

EMOD: Environmental Modification - Physical adaptations to the home which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of a person receiving Medicaid waiver supports.

FBA: Functional Behavior Assessment - An assessment that identifies a specific behavior(s) and what triggers it.

Front Door – First point of contact for parents and others interested in OPWDD eligibility and services.

FSS: Family Support Services - State and local programs to help families maintain and enhance the quality of life of a person with an intellectual/developmental disability and their family. Services may include respite, training, camp, and others.

I AM: It's All About Me Assessment - A conversation that gathers detailed information about the needs and preferences of the person supported. This information helps with the development of the Life Plan (LP).

ID: Intellectual Disability - A neurological-developmental disorder resulting in limitations with reasoning, learning, problem solving and adaptive behavior.

IDT: Interdisciplinary Team – Often used interchangeably with Circle of Support.

IRA: Individualized Residential Alternative - Homes and apartments of 10 or fewer residents that focus on promoting independence and preparing adults with developmental disabilities to become productive members of their communities.

ISS: Individual Supports and Services - Helps adults with disabilities obtain funding to live independently.

HCBS Waiver: Home and Community Based Services -Type of waiver service (includes Self Directed services, respite, community habilitation, residential habilitation, day habilitation etc.)

HEAP: Home Energy Assistance Program - Helps people with low income to pay the cost of heating their homes. Applied for through the local county division of social services.

HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act – Protects a person’s privacy relating to their health.

HIT: Health Information Technology - A secure method of exchanging health information between providers, care coordination organizations, etc.

IPOP: Individualized Plan of Protective Oversight - A plan to enhance a person’s safety. It provides guidelines for supporting them and the safety requirements required. The IPOP is part of the Staff Action Plan (SAP).

ISP: Individualized Service Plan, Has been replaced with the Life Plan.

LCED: Level of Care Eligibility Determination – A form used to establish and maintain eligibility that is required for HCBS Waiver services.

LP: Life Plan – (replaced the ISP) A comprehensive person-centered plan that meets the person’s needs, wants, safeguards and life goals.

MediSked - the electronic Health Information Technology software used by all seven Care Coordination Organizations.

NOD: Notice of Decision – An OPWDD letter that notifies the person that their enrollment into services is processed.

OPWDD: Office of People With Developmental Disabilities - NYS Agency that coordinates supports people with developmental and intellectual disabilities largely through nonprofit provider agencies.

PCP: Person Centered Planning - An ongoing process to help people plan for their future. Providers focus on the person’s vision of what they want their future to look like.

POMS: Personal Outcomes Measures - An assessment tool where people share what really matters to them, including their hopes, dreams, and aspirations. Organizations use that information to better focus services and improve the quality of people’s lives.

RHIO: Regional Health Information Organization – A group of organizations within a specific area that share healthcare-related information electronically according to accepted healthcare information technology (HIT) standards.

RSA: Request for Service Access – A form used by Care Managers to request services for a member.

RVP: Regional Vice President – A LIFEPlan CCO Vice President that oversees the Care Manager Supervisors and Supervisors in one of six regions.

SARF: Service Amendment Request Form – A form used by Care Managers to add additional waiver services for a member, increase the service amount, or indicate a change in provider of a waiver service.

SD: Self-Direction – An OPWDD service delivery model that provides flexibility to choose a variety of supports and services, providing personal choice and control over the delivery of those services.

SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - (formerly known as Food Stamps) Monetary assistance for purchasing food administered by the local county department of social services.

SSI: Supplemental Security Income - A Federal program for those with a low income and who are elderly, blind, or disabled.

SSDI: Social Security Disability Income - A Federal program pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources.

SAP: Staff Action Plan - A plan developed by the provider to describe actions the staff will do to help the person achieve goals and valued outcomes they have identified in their Life Plan.

TABS: Tracking And Billing Services - A TABS number is a unique identification number assigned to a member by OPWDD.
