

Some Commonly-Used Acronyms and Abbreviations within Georgia's Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities System

AAA	Area Agencies on Aging
A & D	Alcohol and drugs
AAIDD	The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ACL	Average Client Load - relates to occupancy in hospitals
ACS	Affiliated Computer Systems - billing agent for DCH
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment
AD	Addictive Diseases - the abuse of, addiction to, or dependence upon alcohol or other drugs; includes substance abuse
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act - federal law protecting the rights of those with disabilities
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Connection
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children - a federal entitlement program commonly known as welfare, administered through the Division of the Family and Children Services (replaced by Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, TANF, in 1997)
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
APS	APS Healthcare, Inc. - External Review Organization (ERO) which provides external utilization review and service authorization for MH, DD, AD community-based and state hospital services
APS	Adult Protective Services in the DHS Division of Aging Services
APS Care Connection	The web-based system operated by APS Healthcare Inc., that adjudicates authorization requests from a provider in an automated fashion
ASI	Addiction Severity Index - clinical assessment instrument for substance abuse
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
ATOD	Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs - refers to the primary target of substance abuse prevention funding
BAS	Budget Allocation System - method of allocating funds to each region
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst - designates certification from a national credentialing board for those with extensive training in the science of Applied Behavior Analysis
BH	Behavioral Health - refers to both Mental Health and Addictive Diseases
BHCC	Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (see OCGA 37-2-4)
BHIS	Behavioral Healthcare Information System - supports Georgia State hospital management and operations reporting
BHL	Behavioral Health Link - contractor that provides the Georgia Crisis & Access Line, which is the single point of entry for Behavioral Health services
BHPMS	Behavioral Healthcare Performance Measurement System
BIF	Basic Intake Form - data entry form used in the state MHDDAD computer system
BOH	Board of Health (County)
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
BOE	Board of Education
BSP	Behavior Support Plan

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C & A	Child and Adolescent - refers to mental health and/or substance abuse services for those under the age of 21
CAC	Certified Addiction Counselor
CADC	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor
CAFAS	Child & Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale
CALOCUS	Child & Adolescent - Level of Care Utilization System, a tool used to determine level of mental health care needed
CAP	Client Assistance Program of Vocational Rehabilitation
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities - national program to assure quality in various rehabilitation organizations
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CASIG/SAC	Child and Adolescent State Infrastructure Grant & Substance Abuse Coordination Grant - two federally funded grants previously received by DBHDD
CBAY	Community-based Alternatives for Youth - federally-funded grant project related to child & adolescent services
CCP	Crisis Counseling Program - FEMA grant funding disaster mental health outreach services following a Presidential declared disaster
CCSP	Community Care Service Program
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant - federal money used to build many county public health and mental health facilities
CDI	Certified Deaf Interpreter
CE	Customized Employment
CE	Case Expeditor
CET	Clinical Evaluation Team - staff who conduct assessments of individuals with developmental disabilities
CFTM	Child and Family Team Meeting
CHSS	Community Habilitation and Support Services Waiver Program - Medicaid waiver program developed to move individuals with developmental disabilities to the community following the closure of Brook Run, a state institution
CJCJ	Council of Juvenile Court Judges
CIS	Case management Information System - web-based information containment system for DD services
CIT	Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement Officers - training designed to improve law enforcement response to persons with mental illness
CLA	Community Living Arrangement
CME	Care Management Entity
CMHS	Center for Mental Health Services - branch of SAMHSA, the federal agency which oversees funding and programs of the Mental Health Block Grant
CMI	Chronically Mentally Ill - term (now considered outdated and stigmatizing) which was used to refer to a series of Georgia appropriations for increased community mental health services for adults from 1989-2000
CMO	Care Management Organization

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CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNI	Civilian, Non-Institutional - population/census data which excludes from the data count those persons residing on military bases or institutions such as prisons
COMP	Comprehensive Supports Waiver - supports community living for individuals with developmental disabilities
CON	Certificate of Need - state authorization required for licensed hospitals to provide certain services such as drug treatment and psychiatric care
CP	Certified Preventionist - refers to an individual who has received professional certification in the field of Prevention. Acronym is accompanied by roman numeral I, II, III or IV indicating level of certification
CPS	Certified Peer Specialists
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology - used along with ICD codes in billing for services
CQI or TQM	Continuous Quality Improvement/Total Quality Management - program oversight process which is designed to improve effectiveness
CRIPA	Civil Rights for Institutionalized Persons Act - federal law protecting the rights of those in psychiatric hospitals, jails, prisons, juvenile correction facilities, DD facilities, nursing homes
CSAT/CSAP	Center for Substance Abuse Treatment/Center for Substance Abuse Prevention - federal agencies which oversee programs and activities funded with federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant
CSB	Community Service Board
CSH	Central State Hospital, located in Milledgeville
CSU	Crisis Stabilization Unit - formerly referred to as Crisis Stabilization Program
CWS	Clinical Work Station - a function of Avatar Hospital Information System
DACE	Days of Active Client Enrollment - days of care in the state hospitals (e.g., a one-day stay in a hospital equates to one "DACE")
DAS	Division of Aging Services in the Georgia Department of Human Services
DBHDD	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; formerly the DHR Division of MHDDAD
DCH	Georgia Department of Community Health
DD	Developmental Disability; includes intellectual disabilities and other neurologically disabling conditions, including epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and autism, which require treatment similar to that for individuals with intellectual disabilities
DD Council	Georgia's Developmental Disabilities Council - state planning council charged with creating systems change for people with developmental disabilities and their families
DFCS	Division of Family and Children Services - division of the Georgia Department of Human Services, which is organized into local County Departments of Family and Children Services
DHH	Deaf and hard of hearing
DHR	Georgia Department of Human Resources - previous name of the current Department of Human Services
DHS	Georgia Department of Human Services - known as the Department of Human Resources prior to July 2009
DJJ	Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

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DMA	Division of Medical Assistance - division of the Georgia Department of Community Health
DMEC	Medical Executive Committee of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
DMHDDAD	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases - in July 2009 this Division of DHR became the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
DOAS	Georgia Department of Administrative Services - agency which handles various support functions such as telecommunications, central supply, property rental, motor pool, etc.
DOE	Department of Education
DOJ	U.S. Department of Justice
DOL	Georgia Department of Labor
DPH or PH	Georgia Department of Public Health
DRG	Diagnostic Related Group, refers to classifications of medical services provided to patients
DSM-IV-TR	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - contains codes used to categorize mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse diagnoses
DUI	Driving under the Influence
DUIP	DUI Intervention Program
EARF	Enrollment and Release Form - data entry form used in the state's former MHDDAD computer system
ECRH	East Central Regional Hospital, located in Augusta and Gracewood
EHR or EMR	Electronic health record; electronic medical record
EMS/EMT	Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medical Technician
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment - program for infants and children operated by Public Health (also known as Health Check)
ERO	External Review Organization
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FFS	Fee for Service - reimbursement methodology where payment is based on units of service provided to an individual
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year - October 1 to September 30
FMEA	Failure Modes Effects Analysis
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FY (or SFY)	State Fiscal Year in Georgia - July 1 to June 30
GACA	Georgia Addiction Counselors Association
GAMI	Former name of NAMI Georgia
GAO	Georgia Advocacy Office
GAPP	Georgia Pediatric Program
GCAL	Georgia Crisis and Access Line; see also Behavioral Health Link (BHL)
GCSA	Georgia Council on Substance Abuse (formerly GAPTSA)
GDC (DOC)	Georgia Department of Corrections
GEOP	Georgia Emergency Operations Plan

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GHA	Georgia Hospital Association
GHCA	Georgia Health Care Association, a nursing home association
GHIMA	Georgia Health Information Management Association
GHP	The Georgia Health Partnership (GHP) - electronic health care administration system that gives patients, doctors, pharmacists and other providers access to health care information. Georgia Health Partnership provides administrative services and information for the public about Medicaid Services.
GIA	Grant-in-Aid - type of state funding which reimburses providers for some or all of an organization's operating costs for services
GLS	Garrett Lee Smith – federal grant for youth suicide prevention
GMHCN	Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, Inc. - nonprofit organization that is the primary external mental health consumer advocacy group in Georgia
GOCF	Governor's Office of Children and Families
GPA	Georgia Psychological Association
GphA	Georgia Pharmacy Association
GPHA	Georgia Public Health Association
GPPA	Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association
GPSN	Georgia Parent Support Network
GQMS	Georgia Quality Management System: Developmental Disability quality management system
GCRS-DD	Georgia Crisis Response System for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities - emergency services system begun in July 2011
GHSU	Georgia Health Sciences University - formerly known as Medical College of Georgia
GRH-A	Georgia Regional Hospital - Atlanta
GRH-S	Georgia Regional Hospital - Savannah
HB	House Bill - refers to legislation introduced in the Georgia House of Representatives
HB100	House Bill 100 - MHMRSA reform legislation enacted in 1993
HB228	House Bill 228 - legislation enacted in 2009 that created the new Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities effective July 2009
HB498	House Bill 498 - legislation enacted in 2002 which defined the structure of mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases services in Georgia
HCBS	Home and Community-based Services
HFR	Healthcare Facilities Regulation – a function of the Dept. of Community Health (DCH) that oversees regulation of health care facilities including licensing of hospitals, nursing homes, personal care homes, community living arrangements. Formerly known as DHR ORS
HHS (DHHS)	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization - one type of pre-paid health care delivery plan
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area - federal designation for areas which have shortages of health care professionals
HRST	Health Risk Screening Tool - gives provider/support team guidance in determining the

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	need for further assessment and evaluation to address identified health risks for a person with DD diagnosis, and guides the team in determining the need for professional services
HTI	Healthy Transitions Initiative - federal grant related to youth and young adults with mental health needs
IC & RC	International Certification and Reciprocity Council - national professional treatment and prevention credentialing & certification board
ICD-9	International Classification of Diseases
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases – Clinical Modification - version used currently
ICF or ICF-MR	Intermediate Care Facility - nursing home; Intermediate Care Facility for Mental Retardation - generally a state facility
ICWP	Independent Care Waiver Program
IEP	Individualized Education Plans - for school age under 22, a written statement of decisions made together by parents and school personnel regarding an individual child's special education program
IFI	Intensive Family Intervention - clinical service provided for youth and families
IRP	Individualized Recovery Plan - blueprint or roadmap for recovery that is initiated during an individual's admission to state hospital
ISP	Individualized Service Plan - prepared to ensure an individual's needs are met by the services delivered. In DD services, ISP may also be used to refer to Individualized Support Plan
IST	Incompetent to Stand Trial - a legal term used to refer to a court finding that an individual is not competent to be tried in a criminal matter. Is <u>not</u> related to other competencies (e.g. to make treatment decisions, to manage own money or affairs)
LAPC	Licensed Associate Professional Counselor
LAMFT	Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapy
LBO	Legislative Budget Office, works for the Georgia General Assembly to develop and monitor appropriations and budget activities
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LEPSI	Limited English Proficiency and Sensory Impairment
LIP	Licensed Independent Practitioner (a Joint Commission term)
LIPT	Local Interagency Planning Team
LMSW	Licensed Master Social Worker
LOC	Level of Care
LOCUS	Level of Care Utilization System - tool used to determine level of mental health care needed
LOS	Length of Stay
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
MAG	Medical Association of Georgia - Georgia member of the American Medical Association
MCG	Medical College of Georgia - the former name of the Georgia Health Sciences University (GHSU)
MCO	Managed Care Organization - company which provides managed care services (depending upon the types of services provided these companies may be referred to as ASO,

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	Administrative Service Organization; BHCO, Behavioral Healthcare Organization; or TPA, Third Party Administrator)
MEC	Medical Executive Committee at a hospital
MFT	Marriage and Family Therapist
MH	Mental Health
MHAG	Mental Health America - Georgia
MHBG	Mental Health Block Grant (Federal Grant)
MHDDAD	Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases - refers to the previous Division of DHR which is now the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
MHMRIS	Mental Health Mental Retardation Information System - management information system which collects data on community services
MHMRSA	Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse - former name of the Division of MHDDAD
MHPAC	Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council
MI	Mental Illness
MI	Motivational Interviewing
MICP	Multipurpose Information Consumer Profile - document APS uses to authorize community-based MH/AD services
MIER	Monthly Income & Expense Reimbursement - form on which providers file to receive Grant In Aid reimbursement for services provided
MIN	Most-in-Need - definition of those individuals who have priority for publicly-funded mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases services
MOE	Maintenance of Effort - Georgia must maintain the average of two years state expenditures prior to the Federal grant fiscal year; applicable for SAPTBG and MHBG Grants
MOP	Multiple DUI Offender Program
MOU or MOA	Memorandum of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreement - formal document similar to a contract between two parties (usually a purchaser and a vendor) outlining expectations, deliverables and payments
MR	Mental Retardation
MRO	Medicaid Rehabilitation Option
MRWP	Mental Retardation Waiver Program - a program and funding mechanism which allows persons with developmental disabilities to be served in the community instead of in an institution
MSA/SMSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area - federal designation for areas in and around large cities
MUA	Medically Underserved Area - federal designation for areas which have shortages of medical personnel and facilities
NAADAC	National Association of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselors
NAHQ	National Association for Healthcare Quality
NAMI	National Alliance on Mental Illness - the Georgia Chapter is known as NAMI Georgia
NASADAD	National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors - Nonprofit organization devoted to expanding and improving public services to individuals with addictive diseases

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	needs by facilitating information exchange between states and representing interests of state program officials in development of federal programs and national policy.
NASDDDS	National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services - Nonprofit organization devoted to expanding and improving public services to individuals with MR and other developmental disabilities by facilitating information exchange between states and representing interests of state program officials in development of federal programs and national policy.
NASMHPD	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors - Nonprofit organization devoted to expanding and improving public services to individuals with mental health needs by facilitating information exchange between states and representing interests of state program officials in development of federal programs and national policy.
NCI	National Core Indicators
NCQA	National Commission on Quality Assurance - national accrediting body for quality in managed care agencies or other large healthcare networks
NET	Non-Emergency Transit - Medicaid-funded program designed to transport recipients to health care services
NGRI	Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity - legal term used to refer to a court verdict in which specific criteria have been met and an individual is acquitted of criminal charges due to his/her mental state at the time of the alleged offense
NOW	New Options Waiver – waiver designed to offer services and supports that enable individuals to remain living in their own or family home and participate in community life
NP/FNP	Nurse Practitioner/Family Nurse Practitioner
NWGRH	Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital, formerly located in Rome but closed in Sept. 2011
NRI	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute, Inc.
OBD	Occupied Bed Days - inpatient days of care used in the state hospitals (e.g., a one-day stay in a hospital equates to one "OBD"). This term has replaced "DACE "
OCR	Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
ODS	DBHDD Office of Deaf Services
OPB	Governor's Office of Planning and Budget - Georgia executive office responsible for development and oversight of the state budget
OPC	Olmstead Planning Committee
OPO	Organ Procurement Organization
ORS	DHR Office of Regulatory Services - former office within DHR which oversaw regulation of health care and child care facilities including licensing of hospitals, nursing homes and personal care homes. In July 2009 this work was divided between the DCH Healthcare Facilities Regulation (HFR) and DHS Child Care Regulations.
OTP	Outdoor Therapeutic Program - state-operated wilderness camp for youth
PA	Physician's Assistant
PABSS	Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security
PATH	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (Federal Grant)
PBB	Program-Based Budgeting
PCCG	Prevention Credentialing Consortium of Georgia, Inc. - professional prevention credentialing & certification board of Georgia
PCD	Person Centered Description

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PCR	Person Centered Reviews - part of the developmental disability quality management system
PCTP	Person Centered Transition Plan
PeachCare	A health insurance program for children of working families - operated by the Department of Community Health
People First	Advocacy organization for persons with developmental disabilities
PERMES	Performance Measurement and Evaluation System - outcome tracking and reporting process for the MHDDAD system
PHO/PPO	Physician Hospital Organization/Preferred Provider Organization - two types of provider relationships in managed health care
PI	Performance improvement
POC	Plan of Care - used to refer broadly to Individualized Service Plan or Individual Recovery Plan
PRTF	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
QA or QI	Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement - a program and/or organizational improvement process
QEPR	Quality Enhancement Provider Review - part of the Developmental disability quality management system
QIC	Quality Improvement Council - regional or statewide developmental disability quality improvement council
QM	Quality Management
RBWO	Room, Board, and Watchful Oversight
RC	Regional Coordinator for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; there are 6 Regions in the state
RDC	Regional Development Center - multi-county organizations composed of local officials to provide coordinated planning and services within a designated region
RESA	Regional Educational Services Agency - composed of local education officials to provide coordinated planning and services within a region
RFI or RFP	Request for Information/Request for Proposals - public and competitive solicitations for business proposals, bids and/or information on providing services
RFQ	Request for Quotes - used to solicit bids for services
RHA	Regional Hospital Administrator of a State Hospital
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organization
RIAT	Regional Interagency Action Team – composed of the chairs of LIPTs within the region
RM	Risk Management
ROCS	Regional Office Contracting System
RPS	Regional Program Specialist
RSA	Regional Services Administrator - Regional Office staff, may be either DD RSA or BH RSA
RYDC	Regional Youth Development Center
SA	Substance Abuse
SAC	Substance Abuse Counselor

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SAC	Substance Abuse Coordination
SAM	Substance Abuse Manager
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration - federal agency under the Department of Health and Human Services which oversees substance abuse and mental health funding and programs (CSAT, CSAT, and CMHS)
SAMHSA DTAC	SAMHSA Disaster Technical Assistance Center - offers assistance to states in preparing for and responding to the behavioral health needs associated with disaster
SAO	State Accounting Office
SAP	Substance Abuse Professional
SAPTBG	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - Federal Grant funding substance abuse prevention and treatment services
SAS	Substance Abuse Supplemental Form - substance abuse data entry form used in MHMRIS information system
SB	Senate Bill - refers to legislation introduced in the Georgia State Senate
SCS	State Contracted Services - services funded solely or in part by Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
SDFSC	Safe and Drug Free School - Federal Grant
SDFSC	Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities - additional prevention dollars provided by the Federal Department of Education to the Governor's office and used by DHR for prevention services
SE	Supported Employment
SEBD	Severe Emotional and Behavioral Disorder - term used in C&A MH Services
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance - term used in C&A MH Services
SFY	State Fiscal Year in Georgia - July 1 to June 30
SHUR	State Hospital Utilization Review - state hospital version of the MICP; Document APS uses to authorize state hospital admissions and continued stays
SIS	Supports Intensity Scale - tool used within DD Services to assess needed supports
SOURCE	Service Options Using Resources in Community Environments
SMI	Serious Mental Illness (also Serious and Persistent Mental Illness) - term applied to mental illness in adults
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility - nursing home
SOC	System of Care for collaboration between child-serving agencies and family members - services and supports needed for youth and families
SOCS	State Operated Community Services
SP	Suicide Prevention
SPAN	Suicide Prevention Action Network
SPC	Suicide Prevention Coalition
SPF	Strategic Prevention Framework - model utilized by all substance abuse prevention providers who receive federal block grant dollars
SPMI	Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (also referred to as Serious Mental Illness) - applies to severe or recurrent mental illness in adults; adults with serious mental illness are the target population in the ADA Settlement Agreement
SPMS	Strategic Performance Management System

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SPOE	Single Point of Entry
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSBG	Social Services Block Grant - federal fund source used to support mental retardation services as well as programs in the Office of Aging and the Division of Family and Children Services
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance - Federal disability program that provides benefits to blind or disabled individuals who are “insured” based on contributions paid into the Social Security trust fund
SSI	Supplemental Security Income, a federal financial support program for which persons with disabilities and limited resources may qualify
SWSH	Southwestern State Hospital, located in Thomasville
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, the time-limited public support program which replaced Aid to Families With Dependent Children in 1997
TCAD	The Council on Alcohol and Drugs (formerly MACAD)
TIC	Temporary and Immediate Care - term used previously regarding admissions to state hospitals for persons with developmental disabilities; TIC admissions are no longer allowed by state law.
TIP	Transition of Independence Plan
TJC	The Joint Commission, previously known as The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
TPA	Third Party Administrator
TRGRS	Treatment Request and Integrated Georgia Reporting Survey
UAS	Unified Accounting System - computer-based financial system used by to pay grant-in-aid contracts with community providers
UM	Utilization Management
UR	Utilization Review - process used to determine the appropriate level of care, type of service, or length/frequency/intensity of treatment for an individual
VCA	Voluntary Compliance Agreement with the Office for Civil Rights regarding Olmstead Supreme Court Ruling
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Services
WCGRH	West Central Georgia Regional Hospital, located in Columbus
WIA	Workforce Investment Act
WIPA	Work Incentives Planning & Assistance
WIS	Waiver Information System; creates Prior Authorizations for DD Medicaid Waiver services
1013 and 2013	“Ten thirteen” - A form number, which refers to an order to involuntarily transport an individual to an emergency receiving facility for evaluation; 1013is for Mental Health evaluation and 2013 is for Substance Abuse evaluation