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Acronym	Full Name	Brief Description
AA	Associate Administrator	Leading HRSA officials who oversee the operations of an office or bureau.
AAC	All-Advisory Committee	Committee which brings four BHPr related committees together (COGME, NACNEP, ACICBL, and ACTPCMD) to work on issues of "common interest" (i.e., training).
AAFP	American Academy of Family Medicine	Membership/advocacy organization for family physicians. With more 100,000+ members is the largest primary care only medical organization in the US.
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics	Membership/advocacy organization for pediatricians.
ACBSCT	Advisory Council on Blood Stem Cell Transplantation	Advises the Secretary and HRSA Administrator on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation and National Cord Blood Inventory Programs.
ACCV	Advisory Committee on Childhood Vaccines	Advises the Secretary on the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.
ACF	Administration for Children and Families	HHS OPDIV that promotes the "economic and social well-being" of children and families.
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Membership/advocacy organization for OBGyns.
ACP	American College of Physicians	Membership/advocacy organization for internists.
ACS	American College of Surgeons	Membership organization for surgeons. Professional Association for Surgeons.
ADA	American Dietetic Association	Membership/advocacy organization for dieticians. Professional Association for Professional Dieticians.
ADA	American Dental Association	Membership/advocacy organization for dentists. Professional Association for Dentists.
ADM	Administrator of HRSA	The top official at HRSA. Selected by political appointment. The top official at HRSA.
AEP	Annual Enrollment Period	Period when public employees can make changes to health insurance.
AoA	Administration of Aging	HHS agency responsible for advancing the concerns and interests of older people and their caregivers.
BCRS	Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service	Helps underserved communities deal with health care provider shortages through scholarship and loan repayment programs (in return for a service commitment).
BHPr	Bureau of Health Professions	Seeks to decrease shortages and increase quality and diversity in the health professions through scholarships, grants, and loan repayment programs. Also administers the NPDB.
BPHC	Bureau of Primary Health Care	Funds health centers through section 330 of the PHSA to provide health care for underserved communities. Funds health centers to provide health care for underserved communities. Also administers the National Hansen's Disease Program.
CDC	Centers for Disease Control	HHS OPDIV that promotes disease specific surveillance and intervention to protect the public welfare.
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program	HHS Program which provides states with funds to help provide health insurance for children.
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center	A local health center that provides mental health services.

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CMN	Certified Nurse Midwife	A nurse who has received advanced training and has been certified to serve as a midwife.
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	HHS OPDIV which manages the Medicare and Medicaid programs.
CY	Calendar Year	Measuring a year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.
DPIC	Division of Policy and Information Coordination	Coordinates correspondence, rules & regulations, Reports to Congress, FACA activities, records management, and delegations of authority and Federal Register notices.
FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act	A United States Federal law (6 October 1972), which governs the behavior of Federal advisory committees.
FRN	Federal Register Notice	A compilation of all presidential proclamations, executive orders, and federal agency regulations and proposed rules. It informs citizens of their rights and obligations, and it includes a listing of Federal benefits and funding opportunities.
FY	Fiscal Year	Measuring a year beginning October 1 and ending September 31.
HAB	HIV/AIDS Bureau	HRSA bureau that grant funds providers/institutions/states to provide HIV/AIDS services for medically underserved or those with poor health care access.
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration	HHS OPDIV which seeks to improve access to health care for underserved populations.
HSB	Healthcare Systems Bureau	HRSA bureau oversees organ, bone marrow and cord blood donation & transplantation programs; assists poison control centers; administers vaccine injury compensation; provides a drug discount program for safety-net providers.
I.H.S.	Indian Health Services	
MCHB	Maternal and Child Health Bureau	HRSA bureau that administers programs (including grants) which seek to improve the health of mothers, children, and families.
MOC	Member of Congress	A member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States.
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule marking	Federal device to solicit public opinion on pending regulatory changes or rulemaking.
NVAC	National Vaccine Advisory Group	A group in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Health (ASH) who advises on national immunization policy.
OTC	Over the Counter	Medication that can be received from a pharmacy without a prescription.
SEC	Secretary of HHS	The person who holds the secretary ship of the Department of Health and Human Services. Is appointed by the president of the United States.
SWIFT	Strategic Work Information and Folder Transfer	A program used to electronically manage documents within an organization.
UDS	Uniform Data System	System into which all community health centers must annually report their data on work force, service delivery, patient demographics, finance and specified clinical measures

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330 Grants	Grants that are authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act	Grants that are authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act Legislation authority provided in 1964 to support community health centers. There are various kinds including those dedicated to at large populations, public housing, school based health centers, homeless populations and seasonal/migrant farm workers
COI	Conflict of Interest	When an individual or entity is involved in activities with multiple interests who may financially, professionally or ethically conflict with one another.
EDM	Electronic Data Management	A system or approach used to track electronic documents.
FSHCAA	Federally Supported Health Centers Assistance Act of 1992 and 1995.	Federally Supported Health Centers Assistance Act of 1992 and 1995. This extended the FTCA.
Form 5A	Documents <i>Services</i> provided by a Health Center Program grantee	Site of UDS where mandatory, annual <i>Services</i> provided by a Health Center Program grantee are documented.
Form 5B	Documents <i>Sites</i> where a Health Center Program grantee provides services	Site of UDS where mandatory, annual <i>Sites</i> provided by a Health Center Program grantee are documented.
Form 5C	Documents <i>Other Activities</i> provided by a Health Center Program grantee	Documents <i>Sites</i> where a Health Center Program grantee provides services.
FPL	Federal Poverty Level	Sites of UDS where mandatory, annual <i>Other Activities</i> provided by a Health Center Program are documented. Documents <i>Other Activities</i> provided by a Health Center Program grantee. In 2011 for a family of 4, was \$22,350.
GASB	Government Accounting Standards Board	Agency dedicated to greater accountability and well-informed decision making through excellence in public-sector financial reporting.
GMO	Grants Management Officer	An individual authorized to manage a federal grant or manager of a specific grants project.
MIS	Management Information System	Management Information System.
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	Memorandum of Understanding.
NDA	Notice of Deeming Action (with FTCA)	Notice of Deeming Action (with FTCA).
OAA	Office of the Associate Administrator	Refers to the highest level within the org chart of a bureau or office. Reports to Office of the Administrator of HRSA.
OFAM	Office of Federal Assistance Management	Office of Federal Assistance Management.
OMSP	Office of Minority Health and Special Populations	An Office within the Bureau of Primary Health Care.
OPPD	Office of Policy and Program Development	An Office within the Bureau of Primary Health Care dedicated to grant guidance and policy development for health center programs.
OQD	Office of Quality and Data	An Office within the Bureau of Primary Health Care dedicated to promoting quality across the health centers. Additionally houses the FTCA program, UDS reporting system and grants for HIT adoption and advancement.
PAC	Progressive Action Condition	Progressive Action Condition
PAO	Program Approving Official (Division Director or Operations Director)	Program Approving Official (Division Director or Operations Director)
PHPC	Public Housing Primary Care	A program that provides residents of public housing with increased access to comprehensive primary health care services through the direct provision of health promotion and primary health care services on the premises of public

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		housing developments, or at least other locations immediately accessible to residents of public housing.
PMAP	Performance Management Appraisal Plan	Performance Management Appraisal Plan.
PMM	Project Management Module	Project Management Module within EHB/BHCMIS.
PMS	Payment Management System	Electronic system (that may or may not be part of an E.H.R. software package) that facilitates clinical administration (such as scheduling, billing, patient follow up, etc.).
PQC	Program Quality Control (Branch Chief)	A role typically supported by Branch Chief, which reviews and authorizes programmatic tasks within the Electronic Handbook system.
BP	Budget Period	A Grants Management term referring to a grantee's annual period of HRSA funding award.
BPR	Budget Period Renewal	A non-competitive application submitted by HRSA grantee.
CHAMPS	Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States	Region VIII Primary Care Association (cooperative agreement from HRSA).
CIP	Capital Improvement Project	ARRA funded capital grants awarded to Health Center Program grantees for equipment, renovations and/or construction projects.
CIS	Change in Scope	A grantee request to HRSA to add, delete or otherwise change their provision of sites and/or services in their approved scope of project.
FIP	Facilities Improvement Program	A competitive ARRA-funded program available to Health Center Program grantees for construction and/or renovation projects.
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center	Entities as defined under Sections 1861 and 1905 of the Social Security Act as being eligible to be reimbursed under Medicaid and Medicare as federally qualified health centers.
FRP	Financial Recovery Plan	Prepared by Health Center Program grantees in response to a financial viability finding.
FTCA	Federal Tort Claims Act	The provision in law under which Federal employees (or other named parties) receive their professional liability coverage from the US government.
FTE	Full Time Equivalent	Used to refer to employment status of Health Center staff, particularly clinical providers.
HCQR	Health Center Quarterly Report	BPHC report on ARRA activities.
IDS	Increased Demand for Services	ARRA-funded grants to Health Center Program grantees to increase operations via hiring additional providers and/or support staff, increasing hours of operation, etc.
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement	A signed agreement between two or more parties (ex: an agreement signed by a community, the NHSC, and a health professional which allows him/her to be assigned to a practice site).
MUA	Medically Underserved Area	An area that has a shortage of primary care physicians, and is eligible for federal support. Designation is applied for by the State Health Department and granted by the federal Office of Shortage Designation.
MUP	Medically Underserved Population	A population identified by certain criteria as having a shortage of primary care physicians, and is eligible for federal support.
NAP	New Access Points	Funding opportunity for existing and new health centers for operation of new clinical sites in scope.
NoA	Notice of Award	Notice of Award – The official written notification of the funding award sent to the grantee or cooperative agreement by HRSA.
PAL	Program Assistance Letter	Published document that provides programmatic guidance to Health Center Program grantees.

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PAR	Program Analysis and Recommendation	Project Officer's annual review of a Health Center Program grantee's application for renewed HRSA funding (competitive or non-competitive).
PIN	Policy Information Notice	BPHC document conveying programmatic guidance for Health Center Program grantees on a specific topic area.
PO	Project Officer	Monitors grants for compliance with program requirements.
QA/QI	Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement	Related to clinical requirements and best practices. Whereas quality assurance is typically defined as systematic inculcation of safety and quality processes, quality improvement suggests a retrospective and self-reflective effort to identify areas of suboptimal performance and dedication to improving them.
SAC	Service Area Competition	Competitive grant application submitted by a Health Center Program grantee to establish a new Project Period.
ACBSCT	Advisory Council on Blood Stem Cell Transplantation	Advises the Secretary and HRSA Administrator on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation and National Cord Blood Inventory Programs.
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration	HHS OPDIV which seeks to improve access to health care for underserved populations.
CCHIT	Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology	Independent, nonprofit organization with mission of accelerating the adoption of robust, interoperable health information technology. Approved by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as an Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ONC-ATCB).
CDS	Clinical Decision Support	Interactive tool(s) designed to assist clinical providers with best practice and appropriate decision making tasks.
CIO	Chief Information Officer	Title given to executive tasked with information and computer systems.
CISO	Chief Information Security Officer	Title given to executive tasked with security and information activities.
DURSA	Data use and reciprocal support agreement	An agreement around rights and responsibilities for data use and security in a health information exchange.
EA	Enterprise Architecture	A comprehensive description of an enterprise and relationship between business entities that make up the enterprise.
EHR / EMR	Electronic Health Record / Electronic Medical Record	Medical records that are saved and shared electronically, through many different methods. A health or medical record in digital format
HIE	Health Information Exchange	An entity comprised of multiple stakeholders (i.e., providers, clinics, health departments, state actors, etc.) exchanging health information in a digital format.
HIMSS	Healthcare Information Management Systems Society	Organization dedicated to promoting a better understanding of health care information and management systems.
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	Legislation that ensures a right to buy health insurance after losing a job, sets standards for EMRs, and protects the privacy health information.
HL7	Health Level 7	Standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information.
ICD	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems	A medical classification system of codes for classifying an array of symptoms and causes for injury or disease.
NHIN	Nationwide Health Information Network	Standards, services and policies that enable secure health information exchange over the Internet.
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator	ONC is the principal Federal entity charged with coordination of nationwide efforts to implement and use the most advanced health information technology and the electronic exchange of health information.

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ONC-ATCB	Office of the National Coordinator - Authorized Testing and Certification Body	An entity authorized by ONC to perform complete and EHR Testing.
PHR	Personal Health Record	A bi-directional health record that allows patients easy access to and the ability to input additional relevant health information.
RHIO	Regional Health Information Network	An entity comprised of multiple stakeholders exchanging health information in a digital format across a designated region.
RPMS	Resource and Patient Management System	An EHR used by the majority of health care facilities within the Indian Health Service health care delivery system.
Vista	Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture	enterprise-wide information system used across Veterans Health Administration
TJC	The Joint Commission	Non-profit organization dedicated to patient safety through evaluation of delivery settings and recognition of quality processes.
AAAHC	Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care	An organization dedicated to developing standards to advance and promote patient safety, quality and value for ambulatory health care through peer-based accreditation processes, education and research.
CQF	Clinical Quality Forum	Initiative in BPHC and OQD that focuses on internal capacity building of clinical acumen.
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality, founded in 1990.
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	Federal agency charged with improving the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of healthcare
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	Act approved by Congress - one of its main objectives was to support health care initiatives
HCCN	Health Center Controlled Network	Group of three or more community health centers that adopt a single E.H.R in order to promote patient safety and improve clinical data sharing to enhance quality outcomes. In 2011 approximately 70 networks existed nationwide.
HDC	HRSA's Health Disparities Collaborative	Run by HRSA for a decade, collaborative aimed at achieving excellence through goal setting, building strategic partnerships and transforming clinical practice.
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	The principle institution of the United States for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services.
HIT	Health Information Technology	Describes the platforms and tools for management of health information across computerized systems. Branch within Bureau of Primary Health Care.
OHITQ	HRSA's Office of Health Information Technology and Quality	Office that supports all HiT work and cross cutting quality initiatives in HRSA.
OSPH	Office of Special Population Health	An office within the Bureau of Primary Health Care dedicated to homeless, migrant, mentally ill and other populations.
NCA	National Cooperative Agreement	Provides Training and Technical Assistance to Health Centers serving special populations. More flexible than a contract (since an NCA supports a dynamic relationship over a specific work product) and different than a grant (given government's ability to provide real time feedback and co-manage tasks with NCAs).
NACMH	National Advisory Council on Migrant Health	Advises the Secretary on migrant farm worker health issues.
MCN	Migrant Clinicians Network	A National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on clinical issues for migrant and seasonal farm worker patients.
FJ	Farm worker Justice	A Migrant National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on policy and research.

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HOP	Health Outreach Partners	A Migrant National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on outreach programs.
MHP	Migrant Health Promotion	A National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on promotora programs directed for migrant patients and farm worker patients.
NCFH	National Center for Farm worker Health	A Migrant National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on capacity building and program requirements.
MHC	Migrant Health Center	Provides health care services to migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families.
MSFW	Migrant and Seasonal Farm worker	A migrant is defined as a person whose primary employment is in agriculture and established temporary abodes for the purposes of such employment, whereas a seasonal farm worker is a person who is employed in agriculture on seasonal basis.
NAWS	National Agricultural Workers Survey	A national demographic survey of agricultural workers.
DFO	Designated Federal Official	Provides support and represent the Federal Government to the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health.
CHC	Community Health Center	Deliver preventive and primary health care to an underserved community/population.
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center	Receives funds from BPHC to provide health care.
AAPCHO	Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations	A National Cooperative Agreement with the BPHC that provides training and technical assistance to health center grantees serving the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander populations.
AA&NHOP	Asian American Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders	A person of Asian American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander decent.
AAPI	Asian American Pacific Islander	A person of Asian American or Pacific Islander decent.
NHPI	Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander	A person of Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander decent.
LGBT	Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender	A person that is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.
GLBT	Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender	A person that is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.
Fenway	Fenway Community Health Center	A community health center located in Boston, MA that specializes in LGBT health and The Fenway Institute is housed within this health center.
TFI	The Fenway Institute	A National Cooperative Agreement with the BPHC that provides training and technical assistance to health center grantees around LGBT health issues.
CIHS	Center for Integrated Health Solutions	SAMHSA/HRSA Cooperative agreement which provides training and technical assistance for the integration of primary and behavioral health care.
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration	HHS OPDIV which manages substance abuse and mental health programs.
NASBHC	National Assembly on School-Based Health Care	A national non-profit organization that supports school-based health centers and provides technical assistance to these health centers through a National Cooperative Agreement with HRSA.
SBHC	School-Based Health Center	A health center located in or near a school facility. A comprehensive definition can be found in section 2110(c) (9) of the Social Security Act.
NNCC	National Nursing Centers Consortium	Public Housing Primary Care National Cooperative Agreement Grantee.

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CHPFS	Community Health Partners for Sustainability	Subsidiary of the National Nursing Centers Consortium and the programmatic arm that delivers technical assistance to PHPC health centers to increase access to primary and preventive health care for residents of public housing through partnerships and best practices.
NAM	North American Management	HRSA's national cooperative agreement partners for Public Housing Primary Care grantee recipients.
NCHPH	National Center for Health in Public Housing	A project of North American Management that provides training and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of federally funded PHPC health centers and other health centers to meet the special health care needs and to enhance health care delivery to residents living in public and assisted housing.
HUD	U.S. Housing and Urban Development	OPDIV that oversees programs to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes nationwide.
PHA	Public Housing Agency	Administers HUD's low-income and public housing programs.
USPHSA	United States Public Health Service Act	Section 330 provides the authorizing legislation for the basis of the health center program as well as defines the special populations served.
AoA	Administration on Aging	Federal agency responsible for advancing the concerns and interests of older people and their caregivers.
AAA	N4A	The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging's primary mission is to build the capacity of its members to help older persons and persons with disabilities live with dignity and choices in their homes and communities for as long as possible. N4A's primary mission is to build the capacity of its members to help older persons and persons with disabilities live with dignity and choices in their homes and communities for as long as possible.
NCST	National Center on Senior Transportation	Their mission is to increase transportation options for older adults and enhance their ability to live more independently within their communities throughout the United States.
NHCOA	National Hispanic Council on Aging	Advocates, celebrates, and enhances the quality of life for Hispanic older adults, their families, and their communities.
NACHC	National Association of Community Health Centers	To address the widespread lack of access to basic health care, Community Health Centers serve 20 million people at more than 8,000 sites located throughout all 50 states and U.S. territories.
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)	Addresses the needs and concerns of the 50+ population, including the 76 million strong baby boom generation.
HCH	Health Care for the Homeless	Special population program authorized under section 330(h) of U.S. Public Health Service Act, aims to deliver high-quality comprehensive, case managed, and family-based preventive primary health care services, including behavioral health, to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
NHCHC	National Health Care for the Homeless Council	HRSA/BPHC cooperative agreement to support the Health Care for the Homeless program and provide training and technical assistance to Health Care for the Homeless health centers.

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NGA	Notice of Grant Award	Notices of Grant Award (NGA) are the legal documents issued to notify the grantee that an award has been made and that funds may be requested from the HHS payment system.
FOA	Funding Opportunity Announcement	A publicly available document by which a Federal agency makes known its intentions to award discretionary grants or cooperative agreements, usually as a result of competition for funds.
PIT	Point in Time survey	One-night count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons.
EHR	Electronic Health Records	Medical records that are saved and shared electronically, through many different methods.
PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home	A model of patient-centric, culturally competent care delivery that is well coordinated and supported by primary care teams using HIT.
MU	Meaningful Use	Meaningful Use is the way in which EHR technologies must be implemented and utilized for a provider to be eligible for the EHR Incentive Programs and to qualify for incentive payments.
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality, founded in 1990.
NHDP	National Hansen's Disease Program	A division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care historically rooted in and focused on leprosy.
NED	North East Division	A geographic division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care that administers ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, MD, DE, VA, WV, PR, and the USVI.
CSE	Central Southeast Division	A division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care.
NCD	North Central Division	A geographic division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care that administers AK, WA, OR, ID, UT, MT, WY, CO, ND, SD, MN, WI, IL, MI, IN, and OH.
SWD	Southwest Division	A geographic division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care that administers HI, CA, AZ, NM, TX, OK, AR, LA, and the US Pacific territories.
OTTAC	Office of Training and Technical Assistance Coordination	An office within the Bureau of Primary Health Care dedicated to providing education and technical assistance to grantees on a variety of topics including clinical, programmatic complaints and quality improvement.
OAM	Office of Administrative Management	An office within the Bureau of Primary Health Care.