

# **Appendix A**

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This Appendix will help you define acronyms and words that you may find in reading the *Guide* and other documents related to disabilities and government programs. An *acronym* is a word formed from the first letter of other words. The authors have used as few as possible, however, there are some common ones you may need to know.

#### ACRONYMS

<b>ANB</b>	Aid to the Needy Blind
<b>APTD</b>	Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled
<b>CCW</b>	Community Care Waiver
<b>DBH</b>	Division of Behavioral Health
<b>DDS</b>	Division of Developmental Services
<b>DEAS</b>	Division of Elderly and Adult Services
<b>DHHS</b>	Department of Health and Human Services
<b>EBT</b>	Electronic Benefit Transfer
<b>EFT</b>	Electronic Fund Transfer
<b>HCBC-ABD</b>	Home- and Community-Based Care for Individuals with Acquired Brain Disorder
<b>HCBC-DD</b>	Home- and Community-Based Care for the Developmentally Disabled
<b>HCBC-ECI</b>	Home- and Community-Based Care for the Elderly and Chronically Ill
<b>OAA</b>	Old Age Assistance
<b>QDWI</b>	Qualified Working Individual
<b>QMB</b>	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
<b>SLMB</b>	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>SSDI</b>	Social Security Disability Income
<b>SSI</b>	Supplemental Security Income



## GLOSSARY

**Adaptive and Emergency Equipment:** Personal Emergency Response Program

**Area Agency:** The private, non-profit organization, designated by the State of New Hampshire, Division of Developmental Services to provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorder and their families. Some area agencies provide all of the services and some have contracts with a variety of community agencies.

**Assistive Technology:** Provides consultation, evaluations and fabrication of equipment. (Contact them by calling 800-932-5837.)

**Community Mental Health Administration:** The ten community mental health centers that provide mental health services to individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

**Community Care Waiver:** The funding mechanism that enables services to be provided to individuals with developmental disabilities in the community. It is a program under HCBC and what is commonly referred to as the specialty services paid for by Medicaid, but not under the general State Plan.

**Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):** The New Hampshire state department that includes the Division of Developmental Services, Division of Behavioral Health, and Division of Elderly and Adult Services, among others.

**Disability Rights Center:** The organization that provides legal services and other advocacy assistance to persons with disabilities. (Contact them by calling 800-834-1721.)

**Division of Developmental Services (DDS):** The New Hampshire state agency responsible for providing services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorder and their families.

**Division of Elderly and Adult Services (DEAS):** The New Hampshire state agency responsible for providing services and supports to individuals who are elderly and/or chronically ill.

**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR):** The state agency responsible for providing supports and services for persons who have various types of disabilities including persons who are visually impaired, blind, hearing impaired or deaf. (Contact them by calling 271-3471.)

**Enhanced Family Care:** A type of paid living arrangement in which the person with a developmental disability moves into the home of a family. This is also known as Adult Foster Care.

**Family Support:** Those services, activities, and interventions that are identified by a family and provided for, or on behalf of, that family and which assist that family to remain the primary caregiver of a family member with a developmental disability or acquired brain disorder.

**Guardianship:** The term for the legal process that grants a person the legal ability to make decisions for another person who is determined not to be competent to make decisions on their own. There are limits to what a guardian can and cannot decide, as well as over certain aspects of a person's life.

**Home- and Community-Based Care Waiver (HCBC):** The financial program under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. **HCBC-DD** refers to services provided to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities. **HCBC-ECI** refers to services for eligible individuals who are elderly and/or chronically ill. **HCBC-ABD** refers to services for individuals with acquired brain disorder.

**Human Services District Office:** The state offices that are located in different regions in the state where state services are provided. It includes DEAS; the Division for Children, Youth and Families; Medicaid; Food Stamps; and Title XX Childcare.

**Life Planning:** The planning process that a person, their family and those providing supports undertake to craft a vision for where they would like to be, personally, in the future and identify the steps needed to get there.

**Medicaid State Plan:** The medical assistance program offered by the State of New Hampshire to its residents who are low-income and/or have a chronic medical condition that qualifies them for the benefit. The State Plan has a specific list of medical services that the State will pay for.

**Parent Information Center:** The organization that provides information, support, and training on educational issues. (Contact them by calling 800-232-0986.)

**Service Coordinator:** A person, chosen or approved by a person with a disability and his or her guardian, and designated by the area agency. The Service Coordinator organizes, facilitates, and documents service planning and negotiates and monitors the provision of services to the person with a disability. The Service Coordinator may be: an area agency or subcontractor employee, a member of the person's family, a friend of the person, or another person chosen to represent him or her. A person's guardian cannot serve as the Service Coordinator.

**ServiceLink Network:** A state-wide network of community-based resources for elders, adults with disabilities and their families. By calling the toll free number (866-634-9412), you will be connected with the ServiceLink site nearest your home. The network provides links to supports and services; and provides information about available home-care options, caregiver supports, employment issues, financial/retirement planning, active aging, and community involvement.