

DD Abbreviations

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Within the service delivery system, there are many abbreviations and initials that are used. Frequently used initials include:

- **ABLE Account**- Achieving a Better Life Experience - A way to help individuals with disabilities save money and pay for qualified disability -related expenses without jeopardizing state or federal means-tested benefits such as SSI or Medicaid.
- **AERS**: Adult Evaluation and Review Services- Maryland Program based in local health departments that provides evaluations to identify public services needed to assist individuals to remain in their home and community.
- **ALU**: An Alternative Living Unit is a house or apartment where usually three people live and receive residential services.
- **BP**: Behavior Plan- A plan designed to modify behavior through use of clinically accepted techniques.
- **CCS**: Community Coordinator of Services- They help individuals who have DDA services to choose provider agency and monitor services.
- **CDS**: Community Development Services- Support provided in a chunk of time during the day, typically for 6 hour blocks between 9:00am-3:00pm. During this time, individuals should be spending time out in their community.
- **CFC**: Community First Choice- The program provides assistance with activities of daily living to Medicaid recipients who have a chronic illness, medical condition, or disability.
- **CMS**: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services- The U.S. federal agency that works with state governments to manage the Medicare program, and administer Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance program.
- **COMAR**: Code of Maryland Annotated Regulations- The official compilation of all administrative regulations issued by agencies of the State of Maryland.

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- **CP:** Crisis Prevention– DDA term means you are or will be in a health or safety crisis within the next year.
- **CR:** Crisis Resolution– DDA term means you are currently in a crisis or emergency situation.
- **CU:** Current Request– DDA term means the current need or want of services.
- **CSLA:** A Community Supported Living Arrangement is a service funded by DDA to support a person in his/her own home.
- **DD:** DDA uses this definition to determine eligibility for different kinds of services it can provide. In Maryland, a developmental disability is generally defined as a severe and chronic disability, other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness, that occurs before the age of 22, is likely to continue indefinitely, requires continuing and regular support or assistance and requires services that are planned and coordinated for the particular individual.
- **DHMH:** Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene– State agency designated to administer the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.
- **DSS:** The Department of Social Services has local offices throughout the state of Maryland that provide assistance to eligible individuals and families to access public benefits such as pharmacy assistance, food stamps, cash assistance, and Medicaid.
- **DORS:** The Division of Rehabilitation Services provides evaluation, training, equipment, and other assistance related to employment.
- **EDD:** Eligibility Determination Division– a branch of Maryland's Medical Assistance Program in the Maryland Department of Health
- **EVV:** Electronic Visit Verification– System that verifies services are delivered in real time to an individual.

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- HCBS: Home and Community-Based Services– Provides opportunities for Medicaid beneficiaries to receive services in their own home or community rather than in institutions or other isolated settings.
- HIPPA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act– National standards to protect individual’s medical records and other personal health information.
- HRST: The Health Risk Screening Tool– Tool used to detect health risk of individuals.
- IDD: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities– Diagnoses that are usually presented at birth that negatively effect an individual’s physical, intellectual, and/or developmental development.
- IDEA: The Individual with Disabilities Education Act is a federal law mandating that state and local education agencies provide a free, appropriate public education and related serve for all children with disabilities.
- IEP: Individualized Education Plan– Plan developed to ensure a child in school receives specialized instructions and related services.
- IP: The Individual Plan is an annual plan developed for each person based on the individual’s preferences, which guides the services of agencies funded by the DDA.
- ISP: Individual Support Services– State only funding.
- ISS: Individual Support Services are supports funded by DDA to provide support to an individual who has a disability who is living at home or on his/her own; alternatively, this also refers to a “level” of eligibility for DDA services.
- LISS: Low Intensity Support Services– Program serves children living at home with their families and adults with developmental disabilities living in their own home in the community who are not receiving any support services from DDA. Current annual cap of \$2,000, individuals chosen through lottery system.

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- LTSS: Long Term Services and Support System/Maryland– System streamlines the coordinators, delivery, and payment for people in the DDA’s three Medicaid Waivers and State Funded Services.
- MA: Medical Assistance (also known as Medicaid) is a joint federal and state program that funds medical care to individuals.
- MDH: Maryland Department of Health– Public Health Department to ensure access to quality health care in the state.
- OTP: One Time Password– device used to clock in and out with EVV system.
- PCIS2: Provider Consumer Information System– DDA’s management information system.
- PCP: Person Centered Plan– Annual plan used to establish goals for individuals with each person’s input.
- PCP: Primary Care Physician– a person’s main doctor.
- PS: Personal Supports– Service is used to help individuals learn independent skills in their own home or out in their community.
- REM: Rare and Expensive Case Management assists individuals who receive Medicaid and also have rare medical conditions with the coordination of their medical care.
- SE: Supported Employment– Service can include direct support staff to provide job coaching or follow along services for someone who has a job. It can also be used for someone who is looking for employment.
- SIS: Support Intensity Scale– Tool designed to measure the relative intensity of support of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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- SSDI: Social Security Disability Insurance is an insurance program for former workers who have become disabled, and for disabled adult children of workers who are retired, disabled, or deceased.
- SSI: Supplemental Security Income is a federal program that provides a monthly check for individuals with disabilities to meet basic needs.
- SSA: The Social Security Administration provides Social Security benefit programs, including disability benefits, retirement benefits, Medicare, and Supplemental Security Income benefits.
- TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury- Injury to the brain caused by external force.
- TY: Transitioning Youth- Students transitioning from school to adult services.

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