

RI Health Agencies

Acronyms Cheat Sheet

BHDDH

ABD	Aged, Blind, or Disabled
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment
AE	Accountable Entity
AMBHA	American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association
APS	Associate Prevention Specialist
APU	Adult Psychiatric Unit (of Eleanor Slater Hospital)
ASAM	American Society of Addiction Medicine
ASAM-PPC	American Society of Addiction Medicine, Patient Placement Criteria
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASFA	Adoption Safe Families Act
AU	Autism
BHOLD	Behavioral Health Online Data (system)
CABHI	Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals
CAADC	Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor
CADC	Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CBT	Cognitive Behavior Therapy
CCBHC	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
CCCCP	Connect Care Choice Community Partners
CCDP	Certified Co-Occurring Disorders Professional
CCDPD	Certified Co-Occurring Disorders Professional Diplomat
CCHW	Certified Community Health Worker
CCJP	Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional
CCMHO	Council of Community Mental Health Organizations
CCS	Certified Clinical Supervisor
CDP	Common Data Platform
CEDARR	Comprehensive Evaluation, Diagnosis, Assessment, Referral and Re-evaluation
CFSR	Child and Family Services Review
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program

CIS	Children's Intensive Services
CLAS	Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services
CMAP	Community Medication Assistance Program
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CMHO	Community Mental Health Organization
CMHS	Center for Mental Health Services
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly HCFA)
CMU	Case Monitoring Unit
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COD	Co-occurring Disorder
CPI	Center for Practice Innovation
CPI	Child Protective Investigator
CPRC	Cancer Prevention Research Center at University of RI
CPRS	Certified Peer Recovery Specialist
CPS	Child Protective Services, (Formerly CANTS)
CPS	Certified Prevention Specialist
CPSS	Certified Prevention Specialist Supervisor
CRST	Community Research and Services Team at University of RI
CSAP	Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
CSAT	Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
CSC	Coordinated Specialty Care
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
CSP	Community Support Program (refers to clients w/ SMI/SPMI)
CSS	Community Support Services (SMI/SPMI)
CWI	Child Welfare Institute
DATA	Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association
DCI	Data Collection Instrument
DCYF	RI Department of Children, Youth, and Families
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DHS	Department of Human Services
DIG	Data Infrastructure Grant -- federally funded grants to standardized data collection across public mental health/sa systems nationally
DLA	Daily Living Activities
DSS	Decision Support Systems
DUR	Drug Utilization Review
EC	Emotional Competency
EFP	Extended Family Planning
EHR	Electronic Health Record

EOHHS	Executive Office of Health and Human Services
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (Medicaid program)
ESH	Eleanor Slater Hospital (long-term hospital care with APU -- adult psychiatric unit)
ESP	Educational Surrogate Parent
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FCAB	Family Community Advisory Board
FCCP	Family Care and Community Partnerships
FCN	Family Care Networks
FEP	First Episode Psychosis
FFA	Free for Adoption
FFCMH	Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
FFP	Federal Financial Participation
FFS	Fee for Service
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FSP	Family Support Partners
FSU	Family Service Unit
GAL	Guardian ad Litem
GCBH	RI Governor's Council on Behavioral Health
GOP	General Outpatient
GPO	Government Project Officer
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Modernization Act
HARI	Hospital Association of Rhode Island
HCFA	Health Care Finance Administration (now CMS)
HEALTH	RI Department of Health
HEZ	Health Equity Zone
HHS	Health and Human Services
HIDTA	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
HSTP	Health System Transformation Program
HT	Healthy Transitions
HUD	Housing and Urban Development (Federal)
IBNR	Incurred but not Reported
ICI	Integrated Care Initiative
IDEA	Individual Disability Education Act
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IL	Independent Living

ILP	Independent Living Program
IMD	Institution for Mental Disease (psychiatric hospital)
IMHS	Integrated Mental Health Services
IOP	Intensive Outpatient
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JCS	Juvenile Correctional Services
JPU	Juvenile Parole Unit
JPW	Juvenile Program Worker
KIT	Name of vendor that created prevention management info system (PBPS)
LCDP	Licensed Chemical Dependency Professional
LTSS	Long-Term Services and Supports
MAGI	Modified Adjusted Gross Income
MAT	Medicated Assisted Treatment
MCMDSS	Managed Care Monitoring and Decision Support Systems
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MDDA	Manic Depressive & Depressive Association (RI)
MHA	Mental Health Association
MHARC	Mental Health Advancement Resource Center
MHARI	Mental Health Association of Rhode Island
MHCA	Mental Health Consumer Advocates (RI)
MHPRR	Mental Health Psychiatric Rehabilitative Residence (group home)
MHSIP	Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program
MI	Motivational Interviewing
MMIS	Medicaid Management Information System
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MST	Multi-Systemic Therapy
MTT	Mobile Treatment Team (see RIACT)
NAMI-RI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - RI Chapter
NASMHPD	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
NCC	Networks Care Coordinator
NCFAS	North Carolina Family Assessment Survey
NECAPT	Northeast Centers for the Application of Prevention Technology
NHPRI	Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island
NITT	Now is the Time
NOA	Notice of Award
NOFA	Notice of Funds Availability
NOMS	National Outcome Measures
NREPP	National Registry of Evidence-based and Promising Practices (SAMHSA)

NRI	NASMHPD Research Institute
NSDUH	National Survey on Drug Use and Health
NTP	Narcotic Treatment Program
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee
OEI	Rhode Island Outcome Evaluation Instrument (completed annually on/by all CSP clients)
OHIC	Office of Health Insurance Commissioner
OJJDP	Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OSCRH	Ocean State Coalition of Recovery Homes
OSN	Ocean State Network
OTP	Opioid Treatment Program (Methadone)
PAC	Prevention Advisory Committee
PACE	Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly
PADC	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor
PASRR	Pre-Admission Screening & Resident Review
PATH	Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports
PBPS	Performance Based Prevention System
PCCM	Primary Care Case Management
PCP	Primary Care Provider
PEV	Post Eligibility Verification
PFS	Partnership for Success
PHP	Partial Hospitalization Program
PIRE	Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation
PMPM	Per Member Per Month
POS	Purchase of Service
PPE	Program Planning & Evaluation
PPG	Performance Partnership Grant
PSN	Parent Support Network
PTC	Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
QMHP	Qualified Mental Health Professional
RHP	Rhody Health Partners
RIACT	Rhode Island Assertive Community Treatment (formerly MTT)
RIAVC	Rhode Island Anti-Violence Coalition
RICARES	RI Communities for Addiction Recovery Efforts
RICCMHO	RI Council of Community Mental Health Organizations
RICEP	Rhode Island Character Education Partnership
RICHIST	RI Children's Information System

RICN	RI Care Network
RIDE	Rhode Island Department of Education
RIFIS	Rhode Island Family Information System
RIMHOES	Rhode Island Mental Health Outcome Evaluation System (JCAHO "approved" performance measurement system based on the OEI)
RIPIN	Rhode Island Parent Information Network
RISAPA	Rhode Island Substance Abuse Prevention Act (legislation established network of Municipal Substance Abuse Prevention Task Forces)
RISAS	RI Student Assistance Services
RISS	RI Student Survey
RMP	Risk Management Plan
RUG	Resource Utilizations Groups
SAC	Student Assistance Counselor
SAIS	Services Accountability Improvement System (SAMHSA data system)
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAP	Student Assistance Program
SAS	Substance Abuse Services (Treatment/ Prevention)
SBIRT	Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment
SDFSC	Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities
SDU	System Development Unit
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance
SEOW	State Epi Outcomes Workgroup
SEP	Supported Employment Program
SFY	State Fiscal Year
SIG	State Incentive Grant
SMI	Serious Mental Illness
SNAP	Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program
SOC	Systems of Care
SOW	Scope of Work
SPED	Special Education
SPMI	Serious and Persistent Mental Illness
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SURS	Survey and Utilization Review Services
SYNAR	Program to reduce tobacco sales to minors (last name of program initiator)
SYT-P	State Youth Treatment – Planning
TASC	Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities
TCE	Targeted Capacity Expansion
TCP	Temporary Community Placement (alternative to serving sentence at the RITSY)

TEDS	Treatment Episode Data Set
TOPPS	Treatment Outcome Pilot Project
TPR	Termination of Parental Rights
TRAC	Transformation Accountability System (SAMHSA data system)
UHC/UHG	United Health Care/United Health Group
VOC ED	Vocational Educational
WHODAS	World Health Organization Disability Assessment Scale
WIT	Women In Transition

Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF)

ACF	Administration for Children and Families
AECF	Annie E. Casey Foundation
A/N	Abuse and/or Neglect
ARU	Administrative Review Unit
AWOL	Absent With Out Leave
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CFSR	Child & Family Service Review
CPI	Child Protective Investigator
CPS	Child Protective Services
CRU	Central Referral Unit
DCYF	Department of Children, Youth & Families
DO	Director's Office
FCCP	Family Care Community Partnerships
FSU	Family Services Unit
ICPC	Interstate Compact on Placement of Children
ILP	Independent Living Program
I/R	Information/Referral
JCS	Juvenile Correctional Services
JJ	Juvenile Justice
MST	Multi-Systemic Therapy
NCO	No Contact Order
RICHIST	Rhode Island Children's Information System
RITS	Rhode Island Training School
SCW	Social Case Worker
SDM	Structured Decision Making
TC	Temporary Custody
TPR	Termination of Parental Rights
UR	Utilization Review

Division of Elderly Affairs (DEA)

ACL	Administration for Community Living
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Center

APS	Adult Protective Services
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CSFP	Commodity Supplemental Food Program
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HCC	Home and Community Care
LTC	Long Term Care
LTCCC	Long Term Care Coordinating Council
LTSS	Long Term Supports and Services
MOW	Meals on Wheels
OAA	Older Americans Act
SHIP	Senior Health Information Program (Medicare Counseling)
SMP	Senior Medicare Patrol (Fraud Prevention)
VGP	Volunteer Guardianship Program

Department of Human Services (DHS) with UHIP-related terms

ACA	Affordable Care Act
CCAP	Child Care Assistance Program
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CID	civil investigative demand
CM	Case Manager
CMFN	Children with Medically Fragile Needs
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CS	Child Support Income
CSR	Continued Stay Review
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DDI	Design, Development and Implementation
DXC	DXC Technologies is the new corporate name for HP Enterprise Services (HPE), our fiscal agent.
FFP	Federal financial participation
FMED	Family Medical Expense (allowed for aged, blind and disabled)
FS	Food Stamps
GPA	General Public Assistance
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HSDW	Human Services Data Warehouse
IAPD	Implementation Advanced Planning Document
ISN	Internal Sequence Number
IV&V	Independent Validation and Verification
JINC	Job Income
L1	Level 1 Screen
L2	Level 2 Screen PASRR Screen
LOC	Level of Care
LTC	Long Term Care
LTSS	long term services and supports
M & O	Maintenance and operations
MAGI	Modified Adjusted Gross Income

MART	Medical Assistance Review Team
MCI-ID	Master Client Index ID
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MI	Mental Illness
MMIS	Medicaid Management Information System
MR	Mental Retardation
NF	Nursing Facility
PACE	Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly
PASRR	Pre-Admission Screen and Resident Review
PMO	Project Management Office
PQI	Program Quality Improvement Grants
QRIS	Quality Rating and Improvement System
RC	Related Condition (like developmental disability)
RIAEYC	Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children
RSDI	Retirement Security and Disability Income
RI Works	State program name for federal/state Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program
SB	Swing-bed
SC	Status Change
SHOP	Small Business Health Options Program
SMI	Serious Mental Illness
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSP	State Supplemental Payment
SS	Specialized Services
SUA	Standard Utility Allowance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDI	Temporary Disability Income
UAT	User Acceptance Test
UCB	Unemployment Compensation Benefit
UHIP	Unified Health Infrastructure Project
UNEA	Unearned Income

Executive Office of Health and Human Services (OHHS)

ACA	Affordable Care Act
AE	Accountable Entities
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
APCD	All Payer Claims Database
BHDDH	Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals
BH	Behavioral Health
CFNA	Comprehensive Functional Needs Assessment
CHA	Children's Health Account

CHT	Community Health Team
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
DEA	Division of Elderly Affairs
DHS	Department of Human Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DTRR	Daily Transaction Reply Report
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EOHHS	Executive Office of Health and Human Services
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment
FAD	Financial Alignment Demonstration
FFS	Fee for Service
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HPE	Hewlett Packard Enterprises
HSTP	Health System Transformation Project
HWT	Healthcare Workforce Transformation
ICI	Integrated Care Initiative
ICP	Interdisciplinary Care Plan
ICT	Interdisciplinary Care Team
IDD	Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
LTC	Long term care
LTSS	Long term services and supports
MCAC	Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MME	Medicare-Medical Eligible
MMIS	Medicaid Management Information System
MMP	Medicare-Medicaid Plan
NHTP	Nursing Home Transition Program
PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home
PDP	Prescription Drug Plan
PCP	Primary Care Provider
RHO I	Rhody Health Options Phase 1 or Neighborhood UNITY
RHO II	Rhody Health Options Phase 2 or Neighborhood INTEGRITY

RHP	Rhody Health Partners
SHIP/ADRC	State Health Insurance Assistance Program/Aging and Disability Resource Center
SMI	Serious Mental Illness
SPMI	Serious and Persistent Mental Illness
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TC/TRC	Transaction Code/Transaction Reply Code
UHC	United Healthcare Community Plan
UHIP	United Health Infrastructure Project

Health Source Rhode Island (HSRI)

ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACC	Accountable Care Community
ACE	Adverse Childhood Event
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ACS-CDC	American College of Surgeons – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
AE	Accountable Entities
AE-C	Certified Asthma Educator
AHC	Accountable Healthcare Communities
AMQ	Adult Medicaid Quality Grant
APCD	All Payer Claims Database (HealthFacts RI)
APM	Alternative Payment Model
ARC	Asthma Regional Council
BCBSRI	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island
BH	Behavioral health
BHDDH	Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals
BHOLD	Behavioral Health On-Line Data
BMI	Body Mass Index
BRFSS	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
CABHI	Collaborative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals
CAHPS	Consumer Assessment of Hospital and Provider Services
CAPTA	Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act
CAUTI	Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection
CCBHC	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDOE	Certified Diabetes Outpatient Educators
CEDARR	Comprehensive Evaluation, Diagnosis, Assessment, Referral and Reevaluation
CEHRT	Certified Electronic Health Record Technology
CHAE	Commission for Health Advocacy and Equity
CHH	CEDARR Health Home
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CHN	Community Health Network
CHNA	Community Health Needs Assessment
CHT	Community Health Team

CHW	Community Health Worker
CLABSI	Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CMHO	Community Mental Health Organization
CMMI	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
COD	Co-Occurring Disorder
CON	Certificate of Need
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CS4RI	Computer Science for Rhode Island
CSC	Coordinated Special Care
CTC	Care Transformation Collaborative
CTTS	Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist
CVDOE	Cardiovascular Disease Outpatient Educator
DCYF	Department of Children, Youth and Families
DEA	Division of Elderly Affairs
DEA Number	Drug Enforcement Administration Number
DEI	Disability Employment Initiative
DHS	Department of Human Services
DLT	Department of Labor and Training
DOA	Department of Administration
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOE	Department of Education
DRRB	Data Release Review Board
EBP	Evidence Based Practice
ED	Emergency Department
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EOHHS	Executive Office of Health and Human Services
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act
FAD	Financial Alignment Demonstration
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HARI	Hospital Association of Rhode Island
HARP	Home Asthma Response Program
HbA1c	Hemoglobin A1c
HCPAAC	Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Council
HEZ	Health Equity Zone
HH	Health Home
HIE	Health Information Exchange
HIT	Health Information Technology
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program
HPD	Healthcare Provider Directory

HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
HRiA	Health Resources in Action
HSRI	HealthSource RI
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
IBH	Integrated Behavioral Health
ICI	Integrated Care Initiative
IDD	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
IHD	Ischemic Heart Disease
IHH	Integrated Health Home
IP	Inpatient
IPHP	Integrated Population Health Plan
IPS	Individual Placement and Support
LAN	Learning and Action Network
LE	Life Expectancy
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (and/or Questioning)
LMI	Labor Market Information
LTPAC	Long Term and Post Acute Care
LTSS	Long-Term Services and Supports
MAPCP	Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice
MCO	Managed Care Organizations
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MHPSA	Mental Health Professional Shortage Area
MMCO	Medicaid Managed Care Organization
MOLST	Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment
MRSA	Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NEAIC	New England Asthma Innovation Collaborative
NHPRI	Neighborhood Health Plan Rhode Island
NHSC	National Health Service Corp
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPPES	National Plan and Provider Enumeration System
NQF	National Quality Forum
OHIC	Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator
OPI	Office of Program Integrity
PATH	Project Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home
PCP	Primary Care Provider
PDAC	Provider Directory Advisory Committee
PDMP	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
PMPM	Per Member Per Month

PQRS	Physician Quality Reporting System
PRAMS	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
ProvPlan	Providence Plan
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
PY	Program Year
QCDR	Qualified Clinical Data Registry
QHP	Qualified Health Plan
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QIP	Quality Improvement Program
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHIO	Regional Health Information Exchange Organization
RICCC	Rhode Island Chronic Care Collaborative
RIDE	Rhode Island Department of Education
RIDOH	Rhode Island Department of Health
RIHTP	Rhode Island Health Transformation Program
RIMS	Rhode Island Medical Society
RIPCPC	Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation
RIQI	Rhode Island Quality Institute
RTI	Response to Intervention
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SBIRT	Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment
SDOH	Social Determinants of Health
SE	Supported Employment
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance
SEP	Special Enrollment Period
SHIP	State Health Innovation Plan
SIM	State Innovation Model Test Grant
SMI	Severely Mentally Ill
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SNFRM	Skilled Nursing Facility Readmission
SPA	State Plan Amendment
SPF-PFS	Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnership for Success
SPMI	Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill or Serious and Persistent Mental Illness
SSI	Surgical Site Infection or Supplemental Security Income
SSI/SDI	Supplemental Security Income/ Supplemental Disability Income
STARS	Standardized Tobacco Assessment for Retail Settings
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
SUD	Substance Use Disorder
SWICA	State Wage Information and Collection Agency
TAC	Technical Assistance Collaborative
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TCPI	Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative

UHIP	Unified Health Infrastructure Project
UMASS	University of Massachusetts Medical School
UMID	Unified Multi-Purpose ID
VBP	Value-Based Payment or Value-Based Purchasing
WIA	Workforce Investment Act
WIC	Women Infants Children
W-P	Wagner-Peyser Act
YRBSS	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System

Veterans Affairs

A&A	Aid and Attendance pension; additional monies added to the regular pension for those who need skilled nursing care either at home or in a nursing facility
ABCMR	Army Board for Correction of Military Records
ADT	Active duty for training; generally does not count towards "active-duty" time; including basic training, boot camp, etc.
AFB	Air Force Base
AFBCMR	Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records
AMVETS	American Veterans, a federally chartered nonprofit veterans advocacy organization
ATAG	Assistant Adjutant General
AWOL	Absent without official leave
BCD	Bad conduct discharge; also known as the Big Chicken Dinner
BCNR	Board for Correction of Naval Records
BVA	The Board of Veterans' Appeals. The Board is the organization within VA that reviews initial rating decisions when the claimant files a Notice of Disagreement.
CBOC	VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (there's one in Middletown)
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs
CIB	Combat Infantryman Badge; awarded to those who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an infantry, ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller
Comp & Pen	compensation and pension; refers to the unit within the VA that conducts examinations for disability claims
CONUS	The contiguous United States

CRC	Command Readiness Center
DAV	Disabled American Veterans
DD	Dishonorable discharge
DD-214	Discharge certificate
DFAS	Defense Finance and Accounting Services; the office that pays all military servicemembers and retirees
DIC	Death & Indemnity Compensation. A benefit awarded to surviving spouses and qualifying dependents when a service-connected condition is a cause of a veteran's death
DOD	Department of Defense
DVA	The Department of Veterans Affairs
HRC	Army Human Resources Command
IED	Improvised explosive device
IU	Individual unemployability; used to enhance service-connected disability compensation for those who don't have a rating of 100% but can't work because of their disability so they are paid at the 100% rate
JAG	Judge Advocate General; the highest ranking lawyer in a military branch
JFQH	Joint Force Headquarters
LOD	Line of duty; used to distinguish whether the injury is service-connected or not
MIA	Missing in Action
MOS	Military occupational specialty; a servicemember's job, e.g., truck driver, infantryman, cook, paralegal, radio operator, etc.
MP	Military Police
MST	Military Sexual Trauma
NOD	Notice of Disagreement. Claimants must file a written NOD within one year of receiving a rating decision to be able to appeal that decision.
OEF	Operation Enduring Freedom
OIF	Operation Iraqi Freedom
OMPF	Official military personnel file

OND	Operation New Dawn
OTH	Other than honorable; lowest discharge characterization available without a court
PEB	Physical Evaluation Board
PMC	VA's Pension Maintenance Center; RI is under the Philadelphia PMC
Pop Hot	Test positive on a drug test
POW	Prisoner-of-war
PTSD	Posttraumatic stress disorder
PVAMC	Providence VA Medical Center
ROTC	Reserve Officers' Training Corps
SC	Service-connected
SECVA	U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs; the Cabinet officer who is the administrative head of VA
SF	Special Forces
SGLI	Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance
SJA	Staff Judge Advocate; TAG's full-time lawyer
SOC	Statement of the Case. A document that VA must prepare and provide to a claimant who has submitted a timely Notice of Disagreement. The purpose of an SOC is to identify the facts and law VA used to reach the decision(s) with which the claimant disagrees.
SSOC	Supplemental Statement of the Case
TAG	The Adjutant General
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TDIU	Total Disability based on Individual Unemployability. A special rating that considers whether a claimant who does not meet the rating schedule requirements for 100% disability is still unable to work in a substantially gainful occupation. A TDIU award pays benefits at the 100% scheduler rate even though the actual rating percentage is less than 100%.
TDY	Temporary duty; used frequently to describe one-off trainings or conferences
UCMJ	Uniform Code of Military Justice; the military's criminal code

VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VACO	VA Central Office in Washington, DC
VARO	Providence VA Regional Office
VBA	Veterans Benefits Administration; administers non-healthcare benefits like disability compensation, GI Bill, and home loans.
VCA	Veterans Cemetery Administration; oversees most national veterans cemeteries
VFW	Veterans of Foreign Wars; a federally chartered nonprofit
VHA	Veterans Health Administration; runs the medical centers and community outreach clinics
VSO	Veterans service organization; includes DAV, VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, etc.

MILITARY RANK STRUCTURE

(Note the different ways the branches abbreviate the ranks; important for written correspondence)

Enlisted	Army	Navy/Coast Guard	Marine Corps	Air Force
E-1	Private (PV1)	Seaman Recruit (SR)	Private	Airman Basic
E-2	Private (PV2)	Seaman Apprentice (SA)	Private First Class (PFC)	Airman
E-3	Private First Class (PFC)	Seaman (SN)	Lance Corporal (LCpl)	Airman First Class (A1C)
E-4	Specialist (SPC)/ Corporal (CPL)	Petty Officer Third Class (PO3)	Corporal (Cpl)	Senior Airman (SrA)
E-5	Sergeant (SGT)	Petty Officer Second Class (PO2)	Sergeant (Sgt)	Staff Sergeant (SSgt)
E-6	Staff Sergeant (SSG)	Petty Officer First Class (PO1)	Staff Sergeant (SSgt)	Technical Sergeant (TSgt)
E-7	Sergeant First Class (SFC)	Chief Petty Officer (CPO)	Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt)	Master Sergeant (MSgt)
E-8	Master Sergeant (MSG)	Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO)	Master Sergeant (MSgt)	Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt)
	First Sergeant (1SG)		First Sergeant	First Sergeant

E-9	Sergeant Major (SGM)	Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO)	Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt)	Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt)
	Command Sergeant Major (CSM)	Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO)	Sergeant Major (SgtMaj)	Command Chief Master Sergeant
Warrant Officer	Army	Navy/Coast Guard	Marine Corps	Air Force
W-1	Warrant Officer	Warrant Officer	Warrant Officer	N/A
W-2	Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CW2)	Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CWO2)	Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CWO2)	N/A
W-3	Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CW3)	Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CWO3)	Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CWO3)	N/A
W-4	Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4)	Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4)	Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4)	N/A
W-5	Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CW5)	Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CWO5)	Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CWO5)	N/A
Officer	Army	Navy/Coast Guard	Marine Corps	Air Force
O-1	Second Lieutenant (2LT)	Ensign (ENS)	Second Lieutenant (2ndLt)	Second Lieutenant (2d Lt)
O-2	First Lieutenant (1LT)	Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG)	First Lieutenant (1stLt)	First Lieutenant (1st Lt)
O-3	Captain (CPT)	Lieutenant (LT)	Captain	Captain
O-4	Major (MAJ)	Lieutenant Commander (LCDR)	Major (Maj)	Major (Maj)
O-5	Lieutenant Colonel (LTC)	Commander (CDR)	Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol)	Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col)
O-6	Colonel (COL)	Captain (CAPT)	Colonel (Col)	Colonel (Col)
O-7	Brigadier General (BG)	Rear Admiral Lower Half (RDML)	Brigadier General (BGen)	Brigadier General (Brig Gen)
O-8	Major General (MG)	Rear Admiral Upper Half (RADM)	Major General (MajGen)	Major General (Maj Gen)
O-9	Lieutenant General (LTG)	Vice Admiral (VADM)	Lieutenant General (LtGen)	Lieutenant General (Lt Gen)
O-10	General (GEN)	Admiral (ADM)	General (Gen)	General (Gen)