

Frequently Used Acronyms & Abbreviations for SHS Participant Documentation

Acronym/Abbreviations	Title/Phrase	Punctuation Required
A.M. or a.m.	At Morning (must use punctuation and numeric time 4a.m. or 4:00a.m.)	Yes
ABD or Abd	Abdomen	
ABI	Adult Brain Injury (currently used with or in place of AHI)	
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder	
ADLs	Activities of Daily Living	
AFER	Annual Financial Eligibility Review	
AFO	Ankle, Foot Orthosis	
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income	
AHI	Adult Head Injury	
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	
APC	Advanced Personal Care	
APR	April	
ARN	Authorized Registered Nurse Visit	
AROM	Active Range of Motion	
Assoc.	Association	Yes
AUG	August	
AV	Annual Visit	
BC/BS	Blue Cross Blue Shield (Insurance Plan)	
BIA	Brain Injury Association	
BID or b.i.d.	Twice a day	
Bi PAP	Bi-level Positive Air Pressure	
BM	Bowel Movement	
BP	Blood Pressure	
CAT	Comprehensive Assessment Tool	
CATH	Catheter	
CC	Cubic Centimeters	
CCS	Crippled Children's Services	
CD	Children's Division; Dept. of Social Services	
CDC	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (Federal)	
CDS	Consumer Directed Services	
CERT	Center for Emergency Response/Terrorism	
CF	Cystic Fibrosis	
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure	
CHI	Closed Head Injury	
CIL	Centers for Independent Living	
CLP	Cleft Lip Palate	
CM	Case Management	
CMS	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Federal - formerly HCFA)	
CO	Central Office	
COB or c.o.b.	Close of Business	
COPD	Chronic Obstruction Pulmonary Disease	
CP	Cerebral Palsy	
CPAP	Continuous Positive Air Pressure	
C-Section	Cesarean Section	
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs	
C-STAR	Comprehensive Substance Treatment Abuse and Rehabilitation	
CT Scan	Computerized Tomography Scan	
CYSHCN	Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs	
DCN	Departmental Client Number	
DD	Developmental Disabilities	
DDD	Division of Development Disabilities (Formerly MRDD – DMH)	
DDS	Doctor of Dental Science or Doctor of Dental Surgery	
DEC	December	
DECUB	Decubitis	

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DESE	Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (State)	
DHSS	Department of Health & Senior Services (State)	
DME	Durable Medical Equipment	
DMH	Department of Mental Health (State)	
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate	
DOB	Date of Birth	
DOS	Date of Service	
DSDS	Division of Senior and Disability Services; DHSS	
DSS	Department of Social Services (State)	
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis	
DX or dx	Diagnosis	
DYS	Division of Youth Services (DSS)	
E	Eastern	
EEG	Electroencephalogram	
EKG	Electrocardiogram	
EMR	Emergency Medical Record	
EMS	Emergency Medical Services	
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician	
ENT	Ear, Nose, and Throat	
EOB	Explanation of Benefits	
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment (Federal)	
ER	Emergency Room	
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	
FEB	February	
FDA	Food and Drug Administration (Federal)	
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	
FPL	Federal Poverty Level (or guideline)	
Fri. or F	Friday	Yes
FT or ft	Foot (anatomy)	
F/U	Follow Up	Yes
FX or fx	Fracture	
GI	Gastro-Intestinal	
G-Tube	Gastronomy Tube	
GU	Genital Urinary	
H&P	History and Physical	
HCY	Healthy Children and Youth	
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996	
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	
HIV+	HIV-positive	
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization	
HR(s) or hr(s)	Hour(s)	
HR/DAY or hr/day	Hours Per Day	
HR/MO or hr/mo	Hours Per Month	
HR/WK or hr/wk	Hours Per Week	
HS or h.s.	Hour of Sleep	
HV	Home Visit	
IBTH	Birth Name Inquiry	
ICU	Intensive Care Unit	
IEP	Individualized Education Plan	
IFOX	Infocrossing HealthCare Services	
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan	
IM	Intra-Muscular	
Inv.	Invoice	Yes
IP	In-Patient	
IRS	Internal Revenue Service	
IV	Intravenous	

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JA	Juvenile Arthritis	
JAN	January	
JRA	Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis	
JUL	July	
JUN	June	
KAFO	Knee, Ankle Foot Orthosis	
KG or kg	Kilograms	
LB(s) or lb(s)	Pound(s)	
LBW	Low Birth Weight	
LE	Lower Extremities	
L	Left (anatomy)	
LLE	Left Lower Extremity	
LPHA	Local Public Health Agency	
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse	
LTC	Long-Term Care	
LUE	Left Upper Extremity	
MAR	March	
MC+	MO HealthNet Managed Care Plus (Insurance Plan)	
M-F	Monday through Friday	
MHN	MO HealthNet	
MHD	MO HealthNet Division, DSS (Formerly DMS)	
MED (s)	Medication (s)	
MFAW	Medically Fragile Adult Waiver	
Mcg	Microgram	
Mg	Milligrams	
ml	Milliliters	
MO or mo	Month	
MON or M	Monday	
MOS or mos	Months	
MOCARES	Missouri Care System	
MOHSAIC	Missouri Health Strategic Architectures & Information Cooperative	
MR	Mental Retardation	
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident	
N/A	Not Applicable	
NE	Northeast	
NEMT	Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program	
NG-Tube	Nasal Gastric Tube	
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	
NOV	November	
NW	Northwest	
O2	Oxygen	
O2 SAT	Oxygen Saturation	
OATS	Older Adults Transportation System	
OCT	October	
OHI	Open Head Injury	
OP	Out-Patient	
OT	Occupation Therapy	
OTC	Over-the-Counter	
OZ. (s) or oz. (s)	Ounce or ounces	
PA	Prior Authorization	
PAT	Parents as Teachers	
PC	Personal Care	
PCA	Personal Care Aide	
PCP	Primary Care Physician	
PDN	Private Duty Nursing	

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PDW	Physical Disabilities Waiver	
PEG-Tube	Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy Tube	
PET Scan	Positron Emission Tomography Scan	
PICC	Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter	
PICU	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit	
PKU	Phenylketonuria	
PM	Program Manager	
POC	Plan of Care	
P.M. or p.m.	Past Morning (must use punctuation & numeric time 1p.m. or 1:00p.m.)	Yes
PO or po	By mouth	
PRN or prn	As Needed	
PROM	Passive Range of Motion	
PSA	Perinatal Substance Abuse	
PT	Physical Therapy	
QD or q.d.	Every day	
QID or q.i.d.	Four times a day	
QOD or q.o.d.	Every other day	
R	Right (anatomy)	
RA	Rheumatoid Arthritis	
RC	Regional Coordinator	
RCF	Residential Care Facility	
RDS	Respiratory Distress Syndrome	
RLE	Right Lower Extremity	
RO	Regional Office	
ROM	Range of Motion	
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial Virus	
RUE	Right Upper Extremity	
Rx or RX	Prescription	
SAT or S	Saturday	
SB40	Senate Bill 40	
SC	Service Coordinator	
SCA	Service Coordination Assessment	
SE	Southeast	
SEMA	State Emergency Management Agency	
SEPT	September	
SHCN	Special Health Care Needs (Bureau of)	
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	
SHS	Special Health Services	
SL or s.l.	Sublingual	
SLE	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus	
SN	Skilled Nursing	
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility	
SNV	Skilled Nursing Visits	
SPO2	Saturation Pulse/Oxygen	
SQ	Subcutaneous	
S/S or s/s	Signs and Symptoms	Yes
SSA	Social Security Administration	
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance	
SSI	Supplemental Security Income	
SSN	Social Security Number	
ST	Speech Therapy	
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease	
Sun or Sn	Sunday	
SW	Southwest	
T&A	Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	Yes
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	

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TB	Tuberculosis	
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury	
THCS	Transitional Home Community Support	
Thur or Th	Thursday	
TID or t.i.d.	Three times a day	
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition	
Trach or trach	Tracheostomy	
TTD/TTY	Teletypewriting Device for the Deaf/Teletypewriter	Yes
TUE or T	Tuesday	
UCR	Usual and Customary Rate	
UE	Upper Extremity	
UHC	United Health Care (Insurance Plan)	
URI	Upper Respiratory Infection	
US	Ultrasound	
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection	
VC	Verbal Confirmation	
VLBW	Very Low Birth Weight	
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation	
W/C	Wheel Chair	Yes
WED or W	Wednesday	
WIC	Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, and Children	
WT. or wt.	Weight	
X or x	Times (when BID, QID, or TID are not applicable)	
YR. or yr.	Year	

*****Abbreviations used for credentialing are not a part of this list. It is accepted practice that a person's name and the appropriate abbreviation for their credentials ie., M.D. (Medical Doctor), LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse), RN (Registered Nurse) is understood.**