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## HEALTHCARE GLOSSARY

AHC A – American Health Care Association (a non-profit federation of affiliated state health organizations).

ACA – Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare)

AAAHC – Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care

Catastrophic Health Plan – one that provides minimal coverage

CHAIN – Community Health Action Information Network (A statewide consumer health advocacy organization)

CHIP – Children’s Health Insurance Program

CTG – Close the Gap (a statewide attempt to expand Medicaid coverage to the working poor)

CMS - Children’s Medical Services (Note – CMS can also stand for the Federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service)

COBRA – Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (a federal law that allows you to temporarily keep health coverage after your employment ends, but you must pay for it).

Coverage Gap – uninsured poor adults in states that do not expand Medicaid

DSH – Disproportionate Share Hospital

FPL - Federal Poverty Level (used to determine eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP) Example-$11,880 for individuals and $16,020 for a family of 2.

FHA – Florida Health Alliance

FHIX – Florida Health Insurance Affordability Exchange Program (State Senate Bill 7044)-did not pass

FQHC – Federally Qualified Health Center (49 in FL, with 426 clinics)

GME – Graduate Medical Education

GP – General Practioner

HCFA – HealthCare Financing Administration (replaced by Federal CMS)

HHS – Health and Human Services (Federal program)

HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (protects patients' privacy)

HMO – Health Maintenance Organization (a medical insurance group that provides healthcare for a fixed annual fee). (Examples – Cigna, Kaiser Permanente, Humana, etc.)

LIP – Low Income Pool (Federal funds for healthcare assistance to hospitals)

MCO's – Managed Care Organizations

Medicaid – a joint federal and state program that helps with medical costs for some people with limited income.

Medicaid Managed Care Program – a system of providing Medicaid services using MCO's.

Medicare – National Social Insurance Program, mostly for people aged 65 and over.

Medicare Part A – hospital coverage

Medicare Part B – the bulk of healthcare, received as an outpatient (includes doctor's visits, laboratory, etc.).

Medicare Part C – aka as Medicare Advantage plans. It is an alternative to standard Medicare. (You can choose Part C, **OR** regular Medicare, which is Part A & B.)

Medicare Part D – Prescription Drug Coverage

Medigap plans – Supplemental health insurance plans.

Millenials – students and young workers aged 18-32, who can particularly benefit from strengthening Medicaid

PCP – Primary Care Physician

PPO – Preferred Provider Organization (a managed care organization of doctors, hospitals, etc. who have reached an agreement with third party (insurers) to provided healthcare at reduced rates.

Preventive screenings – similar to "wellness checks"

RAM – Remote Area Medical (a volunteer medical relief corps)

Safety Net Hospitals – hospitals and clinics that provide a significant level of care to low-income, uninsured, and vulnerable populations. (Examples: Jackson Memorial, Broward Health, H. Lee Moffitt, etc.)

SCHIP – State Children's Health Insurance Program

SNIF – Skilled Nursing Facility

SSA – Social Security Act (Medicare was enacted under this)

"State- based solutions" – refers to support of local bills as opposed to Federal mandates

Supplemental Insurance – extra insurance that you can purchase to help you pay for deductibles, co-pays, etc.

Tricare– healthcare program for military personnel (Note – it replaced CHAMPUS.)

Universal Healthcare - aka "socialized medicine", "single-payor", etc.

VIP Health Insurance – aka Concierge Medical Practice. The PCP sees a fixed number of patients, who pay an annual fixed fee. They usually do not bill insurance.

WHO – World Health Organization

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