

Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children

Former federal cash assistance program for children deprived of

parental support.

CAP Community Alternatives Programs

Special Medicaid program for individuals with disabilities that

provides services in the community to prevent medical

institutionalization.

CAP MR/DD Community Alternatives Program for Mental Retardation/

Developmental Disabilities

CAP program for people who need the level of care provided in an

intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation

(including state developmental centers).

CHIP Children's Health Insurance Program

Federal-state program for uinsured children with incomes too high

to qualify for Medicaid.

CMS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Federal agency that is responsible for administering Medicaid and

Medicare.

DMA Division of Medical Assistance

State's Medicaid agency.

DMHDDSAS Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and

Substance Abuse Services

State's agency for people with people with one of these disabilities.

EPSDT Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment

FFP Federal financial participation

Federal money provided to the state to match its Medicaid

expenditures.

FPL Federal poverty level

Federally determined income level determining what level is

officially "poor," linked to eligibility for many programs.

LME Local management entity

Local agency (private or public) that oversees and administers mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services.

TANF

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Federal program of cash assistance to low income families.

WFFA Work First Family Assistance

NC's TANF program