



APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

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AA	Alcoholic Anonymous
Abd.	Abdomen/abdominal
Abnor	Abnormal
A/C	Aftercare
ACOA	Adult Children of Alcoholics
AzCA	Arizona's Children Association
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADJC	Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ad.lib.	As Desired
ADM.	Admission
AEB	As Evidenced By
AFPS	AZ Family Preservation Services
AG	Attorney General
AH	Adoptive Home
AHCCCS	Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AKA	Also Known As
ALOS	Average Length of Stay
a.m.	Before Noon (ante meridian)
AMA	Against Medical Advice
amt.	Amount
appt.	Appointment
APT.	Apartment
ASAM	American Society Addiction Medicine
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
ASL	American Sign Language
Assoc.	Association
Ave.	Avenue
AWOL	Absent Without Authorized Leave
AzEIP	Arizona Early Intervention Program

-B-

B	Black
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts Degree
BC/BS	Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Bd. of Ed.	Board of Education
BHC	Bullhead City
BH	Behavioral Health
bio	Biological
bldg.	Building



BM	Bowel Movement
BMI	Body Mass Index
BMS	Behavior Management Specialist
B/P	Blood Pressure
B.S.	Bachelor of Science Degree
B.S.W.	Bachelor of Social Work
BW	Body Weight
BUN	Blood Urea Nitrogen
Bx	Behavior
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C	Centigrade
C/O	Complains of
C-Section	Cesarean Section
Ca	Calcium
CAC	Certified Associate Counselor
cal.	Calorie
cap.	Capsule
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CT Scan	Computerized Tomography Scan
Cauc	Caucasian
CBC	Complete Blood Count
CBGH	Community Based Group Home
CCC	Community Counseling Center
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
Cert.	Certification
CFBP	Center for Family Based Practice
CFF	Choices for Families
Ch	Child
Chn	Children
CI	Confidential Intermediary
CIR	Critical Incident Report
CISW	Certified Independent Social Worker
cl.	Client
CMSW	Certified Master Social Worker
CM	Case Manager
CMDP	Comprehensive Medical & Dental Program
COA	Council on Accreditation
CON	Certificate of Need
COS	Change of Status
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CPSA	Community Partnerships of Southern Arizona's
CPS	Child Protective Services
CRT	Certified Recreation Therapist

CRMT	Central Regional Management Team
CSS	Catholic Social Services
ct.	Court
CTA	Certified Teaching Assistant
CTRS	Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
C&S	Culture & Sensitivity
CXR	Chest X-ray

-D-

DBHS	Department of Behavioral Health Services
Dept.	Department
DD	Developmentally Disabled
DDD	Department of Developmental Disabilities
DES	Department of Economic Security
Dir.	Director
dist.	District
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
Derm.	Dermatology
DOB	Date of Birth
DOC	Department of Corrections
D.O.E.	Department of Education
DOP	Date of Placement
drsg.	Dressing
DSM 4	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
DTO	Danger to others
DTS	Danger to self
DV	Domestic Violence
Dx	Diagnosis

-E-

ED	Emotionally Disturbed
Ed. Spec.	Education Specialist
EEG	Electroencephalogram
e.g.	For Example
EKG or ECG	Electrocardiogram
ELOS	Estimated Length of Stay
ENT	Ear, Nose, & Throat
EOM	Extra-ocular Movement
ER	Emergency Room
ETOH	Ethanol-Alcohol
etc.	Et-cetera, and so on
EVAL	Evaluation
Exec.	Executive
Exp	Expiration



Ext	Extension
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F	Fahrenheit
Fa	Father
FAM.	Family
FAMHX	Family History
FB	Family Builders
FBS	Fasting Blood Sugar
FC	Foster Care
FH	Foster Home
FF	Foster Father
FTT	Failure to Thrive
FM	Foster Mother
FP	Foster Parent
Freq.	Frequently
FRS	Family Resource Specialist
FS	Family Session
FSIQ	Full Scale I.Q.
FSP	Family Support Partner
FST	Family Support Team
F T	Family Therapist
FU	Follow Up
Fx	Fracture
FYI	For Your Information

-G-

GAF	Global Assessment Scale
GC	Gonococci
GED	General Equivalent Diploma
GF	Grandfather
GH	Group Home
GI	Gastrointestinal
GM	Grandmother
GP	General Practitioner
grp.	Group
GTT	Glucose Tolerance Test
gtt or gt	Drops
GU	Genitourinary
GYN	Gynecology

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h	Hour
HA	Headache
Halluc.	Hallucinating
H&P	History & Physical
HBP	High Blood Pressure
HCTC	Home Care Training to Home Care Client
HCT	Hematocrit
HI	Homicidal Ideation
Hisp	Hispanic
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HO	History Of
HR	Human Resources
HRMC	Havasu Regional Medical Center
ht.	Height
HV	Home Visit
H2o	Water
Hx	History
Hyst.	Hysterectomy

-I-

i.e.	In Other Words
IBWR	Ideal Body Weight Range
ICM	Intensive Case Manager
ICP	Intensive Care Program
ICPC	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
ID	Identification or Infectious Disease
IDEA	Individual with Disability Education Act
IEP	Individual Education Program
IHS	Indian Health Services
IFS	Intensive Family Support
IFSP	Intensive Family Support Program
ILS	Independent Living Specialist
ILP	Independent Living Program
IM	Intra-muscular
in.	Inches
indv.	Individual
info.	Information
INS	Immigration & Naturalization Services
Int.	International
inj.	Injection
I & O	Intake and Output
I.P.	Independent Practitioner
I.Q.	Intelligence Quotient
irreg.	Irregular
IT	Information Technology



IV	Intravenous
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JCAHO	Joint Commission Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JPO	Juvenile Probation Officer
jr.	Junior
JFCS	Jewish Family & Children Services
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K	Potassium
K.A.R.E.	Kinship & Adoption Resource & Education
Kcal	Kilo-calorie
Kg	Kilogram
Kin	Kinship
KNG	Kingman
KRMC	Kingman Regional Medical Center
-L-	
L	Left
LAC	Licensed Associate Counselor
LASAC	Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor
Lab.	Laboratory
lb.	Pound
LBSW	Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
LCBH	Little Colorado Behavioral Health
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LD	Learning Disability
LHC	Lake Havasu City
LISAC	Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counseling
LLE	Lower Left Extremity
LLQ	Lower Left Quadrant
LM	Late Medication
LMFT	Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist
LMSW	Licensed Masters Social Worker
LOA	Leave of Absence
LOC	Loss of Consciousness
LOM	Limitation of Motion
LOS	Length of Stay
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LSAT	Licensed Substance Abuse Technician
LUE	Left Upper Extremity
LUOQ	Left Upper Outer Quadrant



Lytes

Electrolytes

-M-

M	Mother
M.A.	Master of Arts
max.	Maximum
MCAS	Marine Corps Air Station
M.D	Medical Doctor
meds.	Medication
MGF	Maternal Grandfather
MGM	Maternal Grandmother
MGP	Maternal Grandparents
mgr.	Manager
mgmt.	Management
mtg.	Meeting
min.	Minimum
ml.	Milliliter
MM	Missed Medication
MMHC	Mohave Mental Health Clinic
MMR	Mild Mental Retardation
MR	Medical Records
msg.	Message
MPH	Master's Public Health
M.Ed.	Master's Education
M.S.W.	Master's Social Work
mo.	Month
memo	Memorandum
MMPI	Minnesota Multi-Phasic Personality Inventory
MVI	Multiple Vitamins

-N-

Na	Sodium
n/a	Not Applicable
NARBHA	Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority
NB	Newborn
NKA	No Known Allergies
NKFA	No Known Food Allergies
NKMA	No Known Medication Allergies
NRMT	Northern Regional Management Team
N/S	No Show
NPO	Nothing by Mouth
Norm	Normal
NO	Nursing Office

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OB	Obstetrics
OBS	Organic Brain Syndrome
OCA	Older Child Adoption
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OLCR	Office of Licensing, Certification & Regulation
O&P	Ova and Parasite
OP	Outpatient
ortho.	Orthopedics
O.T.	Occupational Therapy
opp.	Oppositional
O2	Oxygen
OV	Office Visit

-P-

P	Pulse
PA	Parent Aide
pap smear	Papanicolaou's Test
PARA	# of Pregnancies
PKR	Parker
PCN	Penicillin
PDR	Physician's Desk Reference
PE	Physical Exam
Ped	Pediatrician
PFP	Pima Family Partnership
PGF	Paternal Grandfather
PGM	Paternal Grandmother
PGP	Paternal Grandparents
per	By Way Of
pg	Pregnant
PGBHA	Pinal Gila Behavioral Health Association
PERRLA	Pupils, Equal, Round, and Reactive to Light and Accommodation
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy
PIAT	Peabody Individual Achievement test
PI	Performance Improvement
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PINS	Persons in Need of Supervision
PIQ	Performance I.Q.
PKU	Phenylketonuria
p.m.	Afternoon
PL	Public Law
P.O.	Probation Officer



p.o.	By Mouth
PPC	Permanency Planning Continuum
prn	As Needed
prog.	Program
P.S.	Postscript
PSEC	Professional Staff Executive Committee
Psy.	Psychology
Psy.D	Doctor of Psychology
Psych.	Psychiatry
pt.	Patient
PT	Physical Therapy
PTSD	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
PVC	Premature Ventricular Contraction

-Q-

qh	Every Hour
qHS	Each Hour of Sleep
QI	Quality Improvement
qns	Quantity not Sufficient
qt.	Quart
qnoc	Every Night
q2h	Every 2 Hours
q4h	Every 4 Hours

-R-

RAFT	Renewing Arizona Family Traditions
RBC	Red Blood Cells
RC	Residential Counselor
Re:	Regarding
RF	Refused Medication
R.N.	Registered Nurse
RH Neg.	Rhesus Factor Negative
RH Pos.	Rhesus Factor Positive
RMT	Regional Management team
R/O	Rule Out
RLE	Right Lower Extremity
RLQ	Right Lower Quadrant
Req	Request
R/T	Related To
RTC	Residential Treatment Center
Rx	Prescription

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SACASA	Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault
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sch.	School
SEABHS	South Eastern Arizona Behavioral Health Services
SEAZ	Southeastern Arizona
S.E.D.	Severe Emotionally Disturbed
SF	Stepfather
sib.	Sibling
SIGC	Supportive Intervention and Guidance Counseling
SLD	Severe Learning Disability
SM	Stepmother
SMT	Strategic Management Team
SOB	Shortness of Breath
Sp. Ed.	Special Education
SRMT	Southern Regional Management Team
SSI	Social Security Income
SSD	Social Security Disability
S.T.	Speech Therapist
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
St.	Street
STAT	Immediately
stats	Statistics
Sr.	Senior
Strep.	Streptococcus
sis	Sister
sx	Symptoms
SO	Significant Other
Sys	System

-T-

TA	Teacher's Aide
tab.	Tablet
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
Tbsp.	Tablespoon
TB	Tuberculosis
TCF	Telephone Call From
TCI	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention
TCT	Telephone Call To
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
TFH	Therapeutic Foster Home
TGC	The Guidance Center
TGH	Therapeutic Group Home
TMC	Tucson Medical Center
TPC	The Parent Connection
TPR	Treatment Plan Review
Tsp.	Teaspoon
TV	Television



Tx	Treatment
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UA	Urinalysis
UHV	Unannounced Home Visit
UMC	University Medical Center
unk.	Unknown
UR	Utilization Review
URI	Upper Respiratory Infection
Ulte	Ultrasound
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
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VA	Veteran's Administration
vag.	Vaginal
VD	Venereal Disease
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratories (test for syphilis)
VI	Visually Impaired
VM	Voice Mail
VO	Value Options
V.O.	Verbal Orders
VS	Vital Signs
VSS	Vital Signs Stable
VVGC	Verde Valley Guidance Center
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WAIS	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale
WBC	White Blood Count
wk.	Week
WIC	Women Infants and Children
WNL	With in Normal Limits
WISC III	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children
WRAT	Wide Range Achievement Test
WRMT	Western Regional Management Team
wt.	Weight
WYGC	West Yavapai Guidance Center
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x	Times
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Y/O	Years Old
yr.	Year
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YPG	Yuma Proving Grounds
YRMC	Yuma Regional Medical Center
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association

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(None)



02 DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS

<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	A.S.	Left Ear
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	A.D.	Right Ear
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	A.U.	Both Ears
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	Bf	Boyfriend
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	BF	Birth Father
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	B.i.d.	Twice a Day
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	CC	Chief Complaint
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	D/C	Discharge
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	f.o.b.	Father of Baby
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	g.f.	Girlfriend
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	H.S.	Half-strength or Hour of Sleep
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	JD	Juvenile Delinquent
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	M.S.	Master of Science
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	NSE	Non Special Education
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	O.S.	Left Eye
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	O.D.	Right Eye
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	O.U.	Both Eyes
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	qd	Every Day
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	Q.i.d.	Four Times a Day
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	qod	Every Other Day
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	S	Single
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	SCR	School Central Registry
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	SSA	Social Security Administration
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	T	Temperature
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	thx	Therapy
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	T.i.d.	Three Times a Day
<i>DO NOT USE:</i>	U	Unit