

# **SPECIAL NEEDS GOVERNMENT BENEFITS:**

## **ABBREVIATIONS & GLOSSARY**

ABD	Aged, Blind and Disabled
ACA	Affordable Care Act a/k/a Obamacare
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children, replaced by TANF, Temporary Aid to Needy Families
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income (line 38 of IRS Form 1040; line 22 of IRS Form 1040EZ)
APS	Adult Protective Services, part of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
ARD	Admission, Review and Dismissal meeting in connection with an Individual Education Plan for a K-12 special education student
BCCP	Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
CDB	Child Disability Benefits a/k/a Dependent Adult Child, for a person disabled before and after age 18 as determined by the Social Security Administration (apply before age 22)
CDC	Center for Disease Control and Prevention
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CIT	Crisis Intervention Training
CMS	Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services, a federal agency
COLA	Cost of living adjustment
CPI	Consumer Price Index; the CPI-Urban is currently used to make annual cost of living adjustments to Social Security benefits
CPS	Child Protective Services, part of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

CSR	Cost Sharing Reductions
DAC	Disabled Adult Child a/k/a Child Disabled Benefits, for a person disabled before and after age 18 as determined by the Social Security Administration (apply before age 22)
DADS	Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
DFPS	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DOL	U.S. Department of Labor
DSHS	Texas Department of State Health Services a/k/a "Dishes"
ERISA	Employee Retirement Insurance Security Act
FFM	Federally Facilitated Health Insurance Marketplace
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FSA	Flexible Savings Account
HCBS	Home and Community-Based Services
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HRA	Health Reimbursement Account
HSA	Health Savings Account
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
IAP	Insurance Affordability Programs
ICF/ID	Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
IDD	Intellectually or Developmentally Disabled
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individual Education Program
IRC	Internal Revenue Code
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ISM	In-Kind Support and Maintenance
MAGI	Modified Adjusted Gross Income
MAPS	Metropolitan Area Physicians Service
MCO	Managed Care Organization

MDCP	Medically Dependent Children Program
MOE	Maintenance of Effort
PCME	Physician's Certificate of Medical Examination
PCP	Person-Centered Planning
POMS	Program Operations Manual System of the Social Security Administration
PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act a/k/a the Affordable Care Act a/k/a Obamacare
QDWI	Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals Program
QI	Qualified Individuals Program
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program
SGA	Substantial Gainful Activity
SLMB	Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiary
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program a/k/a food stamps a/k/a the Texas Lone Star debit card
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility a/k/a nursing home
SNT	Special Needs Trust a/k/a Supplemental Needs Trust used to preserve and supplement government benefits
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TANF	Temporary Aid to Needy Families; replaces AFDC, Aid to Families with Dependent Children
TDHC	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
TRICARE	Health care program for active duty and retired military and their families.
USC	United States Code, the federal laws of the United States of America