

Appendix D: Glossary

Definitions

ALC	Alternate Level of Care. The designation given to a patient in an acute care bed once they are ready for discharge from acute care but require on-going support such as long term care or home care.
Annual Service Plan (ASP)	The plan for spending the funding received by the LHIN from the MOHLTC
Assertive Community Treatment Teams (ACT Teams)	A cost-effective alternative to hospitalisation for persons with serious, long-term mental illness. Service is provided by a multi-disciplinary team on 24 hour, 7 day a week basis. Support is given in the community rather than in an office-based practice and combines skill teaching with clinical management. Outreach, client choice, and individual service are emphasized.
CCHS	Canadian Community Health Survey. Conducted by Statistics Canada to provide cross-sectional estimates of health determinants, health status and health system utilization for 133 health regions across Canada, plus territories
CCAC	Community Care Access Centre
CDMP	Chronic Disease Management Programs
CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease. A Provincial program that was devolved to the LHINs as of the 1 st April 2007.
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder
CREMS	Community Referrals by Emergency Medical Services
CTAS	Canadian Emergency Department Triage and Acuity Scale
CSD	Census Sub-Divisions
Children's Treatment Network	Organization that serves children with multiple disabilities and their families in Simcoe County and York Region. They include children with physical, developmental, and communications needs who may already be receiving services from Network partners and require more ongoing, intensive or specialized rehabilitation treatment.
Community Health Centres	Non-profit organizations that provide primary health and health promotion programs for individuals, families and communities. A community health centre is established and governed by a community-elected board of directors.
DA	Dissemination Area
DAD	Hospital Discharge Abstracts
Doorways to Care	An enhanced phone-based program that helps seniors connect with local community-care organizations.
ED	Emergency Department
FP	Family Physician

Geospatial Information System	Captures, stores, analyzes, manages, and presents data that refers to or is linked to location
GP	General Practitioner
HHR	Health Human Resources
Health Service Providers (HSPs)	Health Service Providers including hospitals, community care access centres, long-term care homes, community support service agencies, and mental health and addiction agencies
Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP)	A guide to each LHINs environment and outlines strategic priorities for the LHIN for a three year period
Integration	Plans that aim to coordinate, partner, transfer, merge or amalgamate services/operations for the improvement of health service delivery and patient flow through the local health care system. Integration can be voluntary (facilitated by the LHIN) or through an Integration order (mandatory).
Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)	LHINs are not-for-profit corporations that work with local health providers and community members to determine the health service priorities of their regions. They were created in April 2006, and took on their full role of planning and funding health services April 1, 2007. LHINs do not provide services directly, but are instead be responsible for integrating services in each of their specific geographic areas.
Local Health System Integration Act, 2006	Act that governs the LHINs
Long-Term Care Homes	Designed for people who require availability of 24-hour nursing care and supervision within a secure setting. Offer higher levels of personal care and support than those typically offered by either retirement homes or supportive housing.
Ministry of Children and Youth Services	A branch of the Ontario government created in 2003 to make it easier for families to find the services to give kids the best start in life, make it easier for families to access the services they need at all stages of a child's development and help youth become productive adults.
Ministry of Community and Social Services	A branch of the Ontario government that provides information about services to Ontarians who are vulnerable and in need. This Ministry works with people with disabilities and with public and private sector organizations to create an accessible society through the development and implementation of accessibility standards.
Ministry LHIN Accountability Agreement (MLAA):	The agreement between the LHINs and the MOHLTC that defines the roles and responsibilities of each member. The agreement contains performance indicators for each LHIN and specific funding allocations for the providers in their LHIN.
Ministry of Health and Long -Term Care (MOHLTC):	Health Ministry for the Province of Ontario
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NACRS	National Ambulatory Care Reporting System
OPHRDC	Ontario Physician Human Resources Data Centre
PCA	LHIN Performance Contracts and Allocations Division

PICE	LHIN Planning, Integration and Community Engagement Division
Planning Areas	Central LHIN has seven planning areas
PSW	Personal Support Worker
RN	Registered Nurse
RPN	Registered Practical Nurse
Social Determinants of Health	The social determinants of health impact the health status and health service utilization of the population