

Acronym Word Search  
Non-Long Term Care Learning Activity

Item	Description
Objectives:	The surveyor will identify the basic terminology used in the certification and survey process, as identified in the Introduction to Surveying for Non-Long Term Care Course Terminology lesson. The surveyor will match the acronyms with their meanings—terms used in the certification and survey process, as identified in the Introduction to Surveying for Non-Long Term Care Course Terminology lesson.
Materials Needed:	Standard letter size paper
Total Time for Activity:	40 minutes* (*Activity times are highly dependent on class size and dynamics. The time given is approximate.)
Prior to Class:	Print CMS Acronyms Word Search and the Answers document on separate sheets of paper.

Steps:	Preceptor Instructions:	Activity Time:
1.	Give a CMS Acronyms Word Search worksheet to each new surveyor. Explain the activity.	5 min.
2.	Have the new surveyor search for and circle each CMS Acronym.	10 min.
3.	The new surveyor that finishes first wins a prize. If none of the new surveyors find all of the acronyms, award a prize to the new surveyor that finds the most acronyms.	10 min.
4.	Solicit questions and clarify as needed.	5 min.
5.	Debrief with the group by brainstorming examples of how a new surveyor can remember the acronyms and basic terminology used in the certification and survey process.	10 min.

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Directions: Find the CMS acronyms in the word square below. The letters will be directly next to each other horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Some letter squares may be used in more than one acronym. Circle all appropriate letters to make each acronym.

I	C	F	I	I	D	O	S	P	R
N	S	I	G	K	C	A	H	P	G
U	C	F	C	C	N	V	T	S	C
A	F	C	H	R	F	M	O	S	L
A	H	H	J	H	D	H	H	S	I
C	O	I	L	C	I	B	S	A	A
F	R	V	C	O	P	W	Q	A	C
R	S	M	P	R	T	F	X	S	M
V	L	C	M	S	D	P	O	C	H
H	O	R	B	D	R	S	E	A	C

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CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act	HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease	CfC	Conditions for Coverage
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	PPS	Prospective Payment System
CoP	Conditions of Participation	CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	NF	Nursing Facility
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center	PRTF	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility

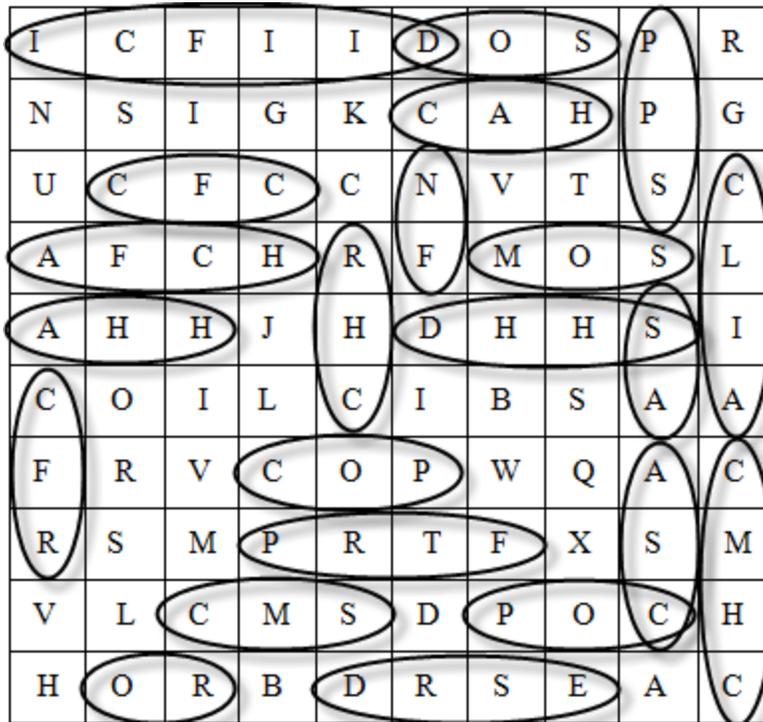
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HHA	Home Health Agency	SOD	Statement of Deficiencies
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