



Alphabet Soup Answers



A

Advance coverage decision

Approved Amount

Area Agency on Aging

Acute Illness

Annual Wellness Visit

Appeal

Assets

Assignment

ADL Activities of Daily Living

ABN Advance Beneficiary Notice

ALJ Administrative Law Judge

ACA Affordable Care Act

ACO Accountable Care Organization

ADAP AIDS Drug Assistance Programs

AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children

ALS – Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig’s disease)

ANOC Annual Notice of Coverage

ARRA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

B

Balance Billing

Benchmark

Beneficiary

Benefit period

Brand-name drug

BBA Balanced Budget Act

C

Catastrophic Coverage

Creditable Coverage

Custodial Care

Calendar Quarters

Caregiver

Claims

Coinsurance

Coordination of Benefits

Copayment

Coverage Gap

CBA Competitive Bidding Area

CHIP Children’s Health Insurance Program

CHIPRA Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act

CMS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

COBRA Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

D

Deductible

Demonstrations

Disability

Dialysis

Discharge

Disenrollment

Donut Hole

Drug Class

Dual Eligible

Denial of Coverage

DME Durable Medical Equipment

DMEPOS Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies

E

Earned Income

Enrollment Period

Entitlement

Extra Help

Exception Request

Excess Charge

EOC Evidence of Coverage

EGHP Employer Group Health Plan

ESRD End Stage Renal Disease

EHR Electronic Health Record

EPSTD Early Periodic Screening & Diagnostic Testing

F

Fee-for-Service

Five Star Plan

Formulary

Fiscal Intermediary

Fraud and Abuse

Flu Vaccine

FQHC Federally Qualified Health Center

FPL Federal Poverty Level

FICA Federal Insurance Contribution Act

FCHCO Federal Coordinated Health Care Office

FEHB Federal Employee Health Benefits

FMAP Federal Medical Assistance Percentage

G

Gaps in Coverage

Generic Drug

Grievance

Group Health Plan

Guaranteed Issue

GEP General Enrollment Period

H

Health Insurance Marketplace

Hearings and Appeals

Hemodialysis

Homebound

Hospital Insurance (Part A)

Hospice Care

HAC Hospital Acquired Condition

HCFAC Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program

HEAT Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Team

HMO Health Maintenance Organization

HHA Home Health Agency

HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HITECH Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act

HMO Health Maintenance Organization

I

Immunizations

Inpatient

Intermediary

In-network

IEP Initial Enrollment Period

IRE Independent Review Entity

IAH Independence at Home Demonstration

IRMAA Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount

J

K

Kidney Disease or transplant

L

Limiting Charge

Lifetime Reserve Days

Long-Term Care

LEP Late Enrollment Penalty

LIS Low Income Subsidy

M

Managed Care Plan

Marketplace

Medicaid Spend-down

Medical Savings Account

Medical Supplies

Medicare

Medicare Card

Medigap

MA Medicare Advantage

MA AEP Medicare Advantage Annual Election Period

MAC Medicare Administrative Contract or Medicare Appeals Council

MAPD Medicare Advantage Plan with Prescription Drug Coverage

MIPPA Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act

MSP Medicare Savings Programs

MSN Medicare Summary Notice

N

Network

Non-Participating Provider

Nursing home care

Non-Preferred Provider

National Coverage Determination

Notices

NOC Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage

O

Observation Status

Occupational Therapy

Opt-Out

Original Medicare

Out-Of-Network

Out-of-Pocket Costs

Outpatient

Overpayments

Over-the-Counter Drugs

OEP Open Enrollment/Election Period

P

Part A (B, C, D)

Participating Provider

Personal Care

Plan of Care

Pre-Authorization

Pre-Existing Condition

Premium

Premium Penalty

Preventive Care

Primary Insurance

Private Contract

PACE Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly

PDP Prescription Drug Plan

PFFS Private Fee-for-Service Plan

PHI Protected health information

POS Point-of-Service

PPO Prefer Provider Organization

PHR Personal Health Record

Q

Qualified Disabled and Working Individual (QDWI)

Quality Assurance

Quality of Care

QI Qualify Individual

QMB Qualify Medicare Beneficiary

QIO Quality Improvement Organization

R

Reconsideration

Redetermination

Red, White and Blue Medicare Card

Reasonable Charge

Reserve Days

Respite Care

Rehabilitation

Reimbursement

Rural Health

Recovery of Overpayments

RRB Railroad Retirement Board

S

Secondary Payer

Service Area

Speech Therapy

Star Ratings

Step Therapy

Supplier

SHIP State Health Insurance Program

SMP Senior Medicare Patrol

SNF Skill Nursing Facility

SNFABN Skilled Nursing Facility Advance Beneficiary Notice or denial letter

SSA Social Security Administration

SSDI Social Security Disability Insurance

SEP Special Enrollment/Election Period

SLMB Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary

SNP Special Needs Plan

SSI Supplemental Security Income

T

Therapy Caps

Tiers

TRICARE

Third Party Liability

TANF Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

TROOP True Out-of-Pocket

U

Unearned Income

Underpayments

Urgent Care

V

Vaccines

VA Veterans Administration

W

Waivers

Waiver States

Welcome to Medicare exam

Worker's Compensation

Workers Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement

Waiting Period

Waiver of Liability

X

X-rays

Y

Z

ZPICS – Zone Program Integrity Contractors