



Frequently Used Acronyms

A Acronyms

AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
ABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
AEP	Annual Enrollment Period
AI/AN	American Indian/Alaska Native
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease)
ANOC	Annual Notice of Change
APTC	Advanced Premium Tax Credits
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
AVF	Arteriovenous Fistulas

B Acronyms

BBA	Balanced Budget Act
BCRC	Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center
BFCC	Beneficiary and Family Centered Care
BFCC-QIO	Beneficiary and Family-Centered Care Quality Improvement Organization
BHP	Basic Health Program
BMI	Body Mass Index

C Acronyms

CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAL	Compassionate Allowance
CARS	Customer Accessibility Resource Staff
CBA	Competitive Bidding Area
CCIIO	Center for Consumer Information & Insurance
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veteran Affairs
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CHIPRA	CHIP Reauthorization Act

C Acronyms (continued)

CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease
CLASS	Community Living Assistance Services and Support Programs
CMMI	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
CORF	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
CPI	Center for Program Integrity
CSR	Cost Sharing Reductions
CVD	Cardiovascular Disease

D Acronyms

DENC	Detailed Explanation of Non-coverage
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
DOI	Department of Insurance
DOJ	Department of Justice

E Acronyms

eCFR	Electronic Code of Federal Regulations
EGHP	Employer Group Health Plan
EHR	Electronic Health Record
eMSN	Electronic Medical Summary Notice
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EOC	Evidence of Coverage
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease

F Acronyms

FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCHCO	Federal Coordinated Health Care Office

F Acronyms (continued)

FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FEHB	Federal Employee Health Benefits
FFS	Fee-for-Service
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FMAP	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FY	Fiscal Year

G Acronyms

GEP	General Enrollment Period
GHP	Group Health Plan

H Acronyms

HAC	Hospital Acquired Condition
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus
HCBS	Home and Community-Based Services
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
HEAT	Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement
HETS	HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHABN	Home Health Advance Beneficiary Notice
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number
HINN	Health Issued Notice of Non-Coverage
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HMOPOS	Health Maintenance Organization Point-of-Service
HSA	Health Savings Account

I Acronyms

I/T/U	Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian
IEP	Initial Enrollment Period
IHS	Indian Health Services
IMPACT	Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014

I Acronyms (continued)

IOM	Internet-Only Manuals
IRE	Independent Review Entity
IRMAA	Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IVIG	Intravenous Immune Globulin
IVR	Interactive Voice Response

L Acronyms

LCD	Local Coverage Determinations
LEP	Late Enrollment Penalty
LINET	Low Income Newly Eligible Transition Program
LIS	Low Income Subsidy
LPI	Low Performance Icon
LTC	Long-Term Care
LTSS	Long-Term Services and Supports

M Acronyms

MA	Medicare Advantage
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MAC	Medicare Appeals Council
MACRA	Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015
MAGI	Modified Adjusted Gross Income
MAO	Medicare Advantage Organization
MAT	Medication-Assisted Treatment
MBI	Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
MCD	Medicare Coverage Database
MEC	Minimal Essential Coverage
MEDIC	Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
MIC	Medicaid Integrity Contractors
MIP	Medicaid Integrity Program
MIPPA	Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act
MLN	Medicare Learning Network
MLR	Medical Loss Ratio
MMA	Medicare Modernization Act
MMG	Medicare Marketing Guidelines
MNT	Medical Nutrition Therapy
MOON	Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice
MSA	Medical Savings Account

M Acronyms (continued)		R Acronyms	
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice	RAC	Recovery Audit Contractor
MSP	Medicare Savings Program	RNHCI	Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer	RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
N Acronyms		S Acronyms	
NBI-MEDIC	National Benefit Integrity Medicare Drug Integrity Contract	SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
NCA	National Coverage Analyses	SCHIP	State Children’s Health Insurance Program
NCC	National Coordinating Counsel	SEP	Special Enrollment Period
NCD	National Coverage Determinations	SEPV	Special Enrollment Period Verification
NEMB	Notice of Exclusion from Medicare Benefits	SGR	Sustainable Growth Rate
NOMNC	Notice of Medicare Non-coverage	SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program
NTP	National Training Program	SHOP	Small Business Health Options Program
O Acronyms		SLMB	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
O&E	Outreach and Education	SMP	Senior Medicare Patrol
OASIS	Outcome and Assessment Information Set	SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
OCR	Office for Civil Rights	SNFABN	Skilled Nursing Facility Advance Beneficiary Notice
OEP	Open Enrollment Period	SNP	Special Needs Plan
OIG	Office of Inspector General	SPAP	State Prescription Assistance Program
OPM	Office of Personnel Management	SSA	Social Security Administration
P Acronyms		SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
PA	Prior Authorization	SSI	Supplemental Security Income
PACE	Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly	SSN	Social Security Number
PAP	Patient Assistance Programs	STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
PDP	Prescription Drug Plan	SUD	Substance Use Disorders
PFFS	Private Fee-for-Service	T Acronyms	
PHI	Personal Health Information	TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
PHR	Personal Health Record	TFL	TRICARE for Life
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization	TrOOP	True Out-Of-Pocket
PPS	Prospective Payment System	TTY	Teletypewriter
Q Acronyms		V Z Acronyms	
QDWI	Qualified Disabled and Working Individual	VA	Veterans Affairs
QHP	Qualified Health Plan	WCMSA	Workers’ Compensation Medicare Set-Aide Arrangement
QI	Qualified Individual	ZPIC	Zone Program Integrity Contractor
QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor		
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization		
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary		
QPP	Quality Payment Program		

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