

Acronym	Definition
ABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice
ACHC	Accreditation Commission for Health Care
ACP	Advance Care Planning
ADC	Average Daily Census
ADJ	Adjusted Claim
ADR	Additional Documentation Request
AKS	Anti-Kickback Statute
ALF	Assisted Living Facility
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
AO	Accrediting Organization
APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
APU	Annual Payment Update
ASPEN	Automated Survey Processing Environment
ASPR	Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
AWV	Annual Wellness Visit
BBA	Balanced Budget Act
BFCC-QIO	Beneficiary and Family Centered Care Quality Improvement Organizations
BIPA	"Medicare, Medicaid & SCHIP" Benefits Improvement & Protection Act of 2000
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAHPS	Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
CAP	Refers to the hospice aggregate or inpatient caps, detailed in the hospice Conditions of Participation
CARC	Claim Adjustment Reason Code
CBR	Comparative Billing Report
CCN	Claim Control Number <b>OR</b> CMS Certification Number
CDC	Center for Disease Control and Prevention
CERT	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing program
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHAP	Community Health Care Accreditation Partner
CHC	Continuous Home Care
CHIP	Childrens Health Insurance Program
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act
CMMI	CMS Innovation Center
CMN	Certificate of Medical Necessity
CMP	Civil Monetary Penalties
CMPL	Civil Monetary Penalties Law
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
COB	Close of Business <b>OR</b> Coordination of Benefits
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985
CoP	Conditions of Participation
CPI	CMS Center of Program Integrity
CPII	Claims Payment/Processing Issues Log
CPO	Care Plan Oversight
CPT-4	Current Procedural Terminology
CR	Change Request
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CSW	Clinical Social Worker
CTI	Certificate of Terminal Illness
CWF	Common Working File
CWF/MSP	Common Working File/Medicare Secondary Payer
CY	Calendar Year
DAB	Departmental Appeals Board
DDE	Direct Data Entry
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
DENC	Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DMAC	DME Medicare Administrative Contractor
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies
DOD	Date of Death <b>OR</b> Department of Defense
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOS	Date of Service
DX	Diagnosis
E/M	Evaluation and Management
eCFR	Electronic Code of Federal Regulations

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ED	Expedited Determination
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EGHP	Employer Group Health Plan
EGSS	Evaluation of Grief Support Services (NHPCO survey)
EIN	Employer Identification Number
EOB	Explanation of Benefits <b>OR</b> Election of Benefit
EOL	End of Life
ERA	Electronic Remittance Advice
ERN	Electronic Remittance Notice
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease
F2F	Face to Face
FAQ	Frequently Asked Question
FCA	False Claims Act
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FFS	Fee-for-Service
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FISS	Fiscal Intermediary Shared (or Standard) System
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FR	Federal Register
FY	Fiscal Year
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GIP	General Inpatient Care
HAN	Hospice Action Network
HART	Hospice Abstract Reporting Tool
HCI	Hospice Care Index
HCPCS	Health Care Procedure Coding System
HHH	Home Health and Hospice
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HIC	Health Insurance Claim
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number (Medicare Number)
HIMR	Health Insurance Master Record (Social Security)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HIS	Hospice Item Set
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HOPE	Hospice Outcomes & Patient Evaluation
HQRP	Hospice Quality Reporting Program
HVLDL	Hospice Visits in Last Days of Life
HVWDII	Hospice Visits When Death Is Imminent
ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification
ICF/IID	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
ICN	Internal Control Number
IDG	Interdisciplinary Group (sometimes referred to as interdisciplinary team (IDT))
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IG	Interpretive Guidelines
IJ	Immediate Jeopardy
IMRC	Independent Medical Review Contractor
IOM	Medicare Internet Only Manuals
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
J15 HHH - CGS	Jurisdiction 15 Home Health and Hospice providers in Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming
J6 HHH - NGS	Jurisdiction 6 Home Health and Hospice providers in Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Wisconsin and Washington
JC	The Joint Commission
JK HHH - NGS	Jurisdiction K Home Health and Hospice providers in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont
JM HHH - Palmetto	Jurisdiction M Home Health and Hospice providers in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas
KPI	Key Performance Indicators
LCD	Local Coverage Determination (medical policy)
LEIE	OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities
LOC	Level of Care

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LPN	Licensed Practice Nurse
LTC	Long Term Care
LTCF	Long Term Care Facility
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
MA Plan	Medicare Advantage Plan (formerly Medicare+Choice or Medicare HMO)
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MACPAC	Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission
MACRA	Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015
MAO	Medicare Advantage Organization
MA-PD	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans
MBI	Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
MD	Medical Director <b>OR</b> Medical Doctor
MEDIGAP	A Medicare complementary insurance program
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Units
MFS	Medicare Fee Schedule
MHB	Medicare Hospice Benefit
MIPS	Merit-based Incentive Payment System
MN	Medical Necessity
MOE	NHPCO's Measures of Excellence
MR	Medical Review
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice (notice to beneficiaries)
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer
MSW	Master of Social Work
NCD	National Coverage Determination
NF	Nursing Facility
NIBC	National Uniform Billing Committee
NOE	Notice of Election
NOMNC	Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage
NOTR	Notice of Termination/Revocation
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPP	Non-Physician Practitioner
NQF	National Quality Forum
NSVC	National Site Visit Contractor
OAS	Office of Audit Services (OIG)
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OCIG	Office of Counsel to the Inspector General
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
ODF	Open Door Forum
OEI	Office of Evaluation and Inspections (OIG)
OI	Office of Investigations
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OT	Occupational Therapist
OTC	Over the Counter Drug
PA	Physician Assistant
PC	Professional Component
PCC	Provider Contact Center
PCP	Primary Care Physician (or Provider)
PDP	Prescription Drug Plan
PECOS	Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System
PEPPER	Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report
PERM	Payment Error Rate Measurement
PFS	Physician Fee Schedule
PHE	Public Health Emergency
PHI	Protected Health Information (see also: HIPAA)
PIN	Provider Identification Number (see also: PTAN)
PIP	Performance Improvement Project
POC	Plan of Care <b>OR</b> Plan of Correction
POS	Place of Service
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PQRI	Physician Quality Reporting Initiative
PRN	Pro re nata, "as needed basis"
PS&R	Provider Statistical and Reimbursement

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PSC	Program Safeguard Contractor
PT	Physical Therapist
PTAN	Provider Transaction Access Number (formerly PIN)
PUF Data	Medicare Provider Utilization and Payment Data
QAPI	Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement
QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QM	Quality Measure
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (Medicare/Medicaid)
RA	Remittance Advice
RAC	Recovery Audit Contractor
RBRVS	Resource Based Relative Value Scale
RHC	Rural Health Clinic <b>OR</b> Routine Home Care
RHHI	Regional Home Health Intermediary
RN	Registered Nurse
RO	Regional Office (CMS)
SA	State Survey Agencies
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
SDHC	Self-Determined Hospice Cap
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program
SIA	Service Intensity Add On
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SMRC	Supplemental Medical Review Contractor
SNC	Skilled Nursing Care
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facilities
SOD	Statement of Deficiencies
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSN	Social Security Number
STAR	Survey of Team Attitudes and Relationships (NHPCO survey)
TC	Technical Component
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (PL97248)
TIN	Tax Identification Number
TJC	The Joint Commission
TOS	Type of Service
TPE	Targeted Probe and Educate
TRACIE	Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange
UPIC	Unified Program Integrity Contractor
UPIN	Unique Provider Identification Number
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VBID	Value-Based Insurance Design Model
WHO	World Health Organization
ZPIC	Zone Program Integrity Contractor