

# Dictionary of Acronyms

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### A

A&D	Admission and Discharge
AAPC	American Academy of Professional Coders
AAAHC	American Academy of Accreditation for Health Centers
ABN	Advanced Beneficiary Notice
AC	Appeals Council
ACS	Automated Correspondence System
ADA	American Dental Association
ADT	Admission, Discharge, Transfer
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AGPAM	American Guild of Patient Account Management
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
AHP	Accountable Health Plan
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AI/AN	American Indian or Alaskan Native
AIC	Amount in Controversy
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AIR	All Inclusive Rate
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
AMA	American Medical Association
AMBU	Ambulatory

ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AO	Administrative Officer
APC	Ambulatory Patient Category or Ambulatory Payment Classification
APG	Ambulatory Patient Group
A/R or AR	Accounts Receivable
ARNP	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
ASC	Ambulatory Surgery Center
AWP	Average Wholesale Price

**B**

BAA	Business Associate Agreement
BBA	Balanced Budget Act
BMP	Beneficiary Medical Program
BOC	Business Office Coordinator

**C**

CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CARF	Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities
CC	Chief Complaint
CCN	Claim Control Number
CDIB	Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
CDT	Current Dental Terminology
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CF	Conversion Factor
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and medical Program of the Uniformed Services
CHS	Contract Health Service
CHSDA	Contract Health Services Delivery Area
CIF	Claims Inquiry Form
CIB	Certificate of Indian Blood
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments

CM	Clinical Modification
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CMN	Certificate of Medical Necessity
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CMP	Civil Monetary Penalty
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly HCFA)
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
CO	Commissioned Officer
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COBC	Coordination of Benefits Contractor
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
CORF	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
COTS	Commercial-Off-the-Shelf
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CT	Census Track
CWF	Common Working File
CY	Calendar Year

**D**

DAB	Departmental Appeals Board
DCIA	Debt Collection Improvement Act
DCN	Document Control Number
DDE	Direct Data Entry (system)
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DHHS	see HHS
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DMERC	Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
DNKA	Did Not Keep Appointment
DOB	Date of Birth
DOJ	Department of Justice

DOS	Date of Service
DRG	Diagnosis Related Group
DX	Diagnosis

## **E**

E&M	Evaluation and Management
ECS	Electronic Claims Status
EDI	Electronic Data Exchange
EFI	Electronic File Interchange
EFIO	Electronic File Interchange Organization
EFT	Electronic Fund Transfer
EGHP	Employer Group Health Plan
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EIN	Employer Identification Number
EMC	Electronic Media Claim
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EOMB	Explanation of Medicare Benefits
EPO	Exclusive Provider Organization
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
ERA	Electronic Remittance Advice
ERN	Electronic Remittance Notice
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease

## **F**

FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FCN	Financial Control Number
FEHB	Federal Employee Health Benefit
FEP	Federal Employee Program
FFP	Federal Financial Participation
FFS	Fee-for-Service

FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FMAP	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage
FMCRA	Federal Medical Care Recovery Act
FMR	Focused Medical Review
FMS	Financial Management Service
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Centers
FRC	Federal Record Center
FSS	Federal Supply Schedule
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
FUD	Follow-up Days
FY	Fiscal Year

## **G**

GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GDRO	Gross Days Revenue Outstanding
GPCI	Geographic Practice Cost Indices
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
GUI	Graphical User Interface

## **H**

HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration (now CMS)
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System
HEW	Health, Education, and Welfare
HFS	Host File Server
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHS	(Department of) Health and Human Services
HI	Hospital Insurance
HIC	Health Insurance Claim

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HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number
HIM	Health Information Management
HINNS	Hospital-issued notices of noncoverage
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
H&P	History and Physical
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HO	Hearing Officer
HPI	History of Present Illness
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area

## I

ICN	Internal Control Number
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IDC-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modifications
IDS	Integrated Delivery System
IHCIA	Indian Health Care Improvement Act
IHS	Indian Health Service
IIHI	Individually Identifiable Health Information
INPT	Inpatient
IPA	Independent Practice Association
ISDEA	Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975
IT	Information Technology
I/T/U	Indian/Tribal/Urban

## J

JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
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**L**

LCD	Local Coverage Determination
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker

**M**

MFCC	Marriage, Family, and Child Counselor
MFT	Marriage and Family Therapists
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MHBP	Mail Handlers Benefit Plan
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MR	Medical Review
MRN	Medicare Remittance Notice; also Medicare Redetermination Notice
MSA	Medical Savings Account
MSE	Medical Screen Examination
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer

**N**

NABP	National Association of Board of Pharmacy
NAIC	National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NARA	National Archives and Record Administration
NBOC	National Business Office Committee
NCCD	National Committee of Clinical Directors
NCCI	National Correct Coding Initiative
NCD	National Coverage Determination
NCEO	National Chief Executive Officers
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NCPDP	National Council for Prescription Drug Program
NCQA	National Commission for Quality Assurance
NDC	National Drug Code

NEC	Not Elsewhere Classified
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NP	I National Provider Identifier
NPIRS	National Patient Information Reporting System
NOC	Not Otherwise Classified
NONC	Notice of Non-Coverage
NOS	Not Otherwise Specified
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPPES	National Plan & Provider Enumeration System
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPMHU	National Postal Mail Handlers Union
NQF	National Quality Forum
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee
NUCC	National Uniform Claims Committee

## **O**

OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OGC	Office of General Counsel
OHA	Office of Hearings and Appeals
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OIT	Office of Technology
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Medicare outpatient payment)
ORAP	Office of Resource, Access, and Partnership
ORF	Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
OTR	On-the-record hearing

**P**

PA	Physician Assistant
PA-C	Physician Assistant Certified
PAMS	Patient Account Management System
PBM	Pharmacy Benefit Manager
PCC	Patient Care Component of the Resource Patient Management System (RPMS)
PCP	Primary Care Provider
PCS	Provider Claim Summary, or Procedure Coding System, or Patient Care Service
PDP	Prescription Drug Plan
PFSH	Past, Family, and/or Social History
PHI	Protected Health Information; Patient Health Information
PHO	Preferred Hospital Organization
PHS	Public Health Service
PI	Program Integrity or Performance Improvement
PIN	Provider Identification Number
PIMS	Patient Information Management System
PIP	Personal Injury Protection
POS	Place of Service or Point-of-Sale
POTR	Preliminary On-the-Record hearing
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PRO	Professional Review Organization (now QIO)
PT	Physical Therapist

**Q**

QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Quality Improvement
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization (formerly PRO)
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary

**R**

RA	Remittance Advice
RBRVS	Resource Based Relative Value System
RDF	Renal Dialysis Facility
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RHHI	Regional Home Health Intermediary
RPMS	Resource Patient Management System
RO	Regional Office
ROD	Rollback Detail report
ROI	Release of Information
ROS	Review of Systems
RRB	Railroad Review Board
RTD	Resubmission Turnaround Document; also Return To Provider
RTP	Return to Provider
RV	Relative Value
RVS	Relative Value Scale
RVU	Relative Value Unit

**S**

SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
SLMB	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
SMI	Supplementary Medical Insurance
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOC	Share of Cost
SOF	Signature on File
SRS	Social Rehabilitation Service
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSN	Social Security Number

**T**

TA	Transitional Assistance
TAR	Treatment Authorization Request
TCS	Transaction and Code Sets
TIN	Tax Identification Number
TOS	Type of Service
TPA	Trading Partner Agreement or Third Party Administrator

**U**

UCR	Usual, Customary, and Reasonable
UMWA	United Mine Workers' Association
UPIN	Unique Provider identification Number
UPS	Un-interruptible Power Supply
UR	Utilization Review

**V**

VA	Veterans Administration
VAN	Value-Added Network

**W**

WC	Workers' Compensation
WPC	Washington Publishing Company