

Frequently Used Acronyms

A		CHIPRA	Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007
ACR	Adjusted Community (Contract) Rate	CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (of 1965) (Amend 1988)
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990	CN	Claim Number (also C/N)
ADL	Activities of Daily Living	COB	Coordination of Benefits
ADMC	Advance Determination of Medicare Coverage	CMS	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services
ADRC	Aging & Disability Resource Center	CMS ARA	Associate Regional Administrator
AEP	Annual Coordinated Election Period	CMS CO	CMS Central Office
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	CMS RO	CMS Regional Office
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge	COBA	Coordination of Benefits Agreement Program
ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985
AOA	Administration on Aging	CPT	Common Procedural Terminology
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009	CTM	Complaints Tracking Module
B		CWF	Common Working File
BBA	Balanced Budget Act of 1997	CWFA	Common Working File Part A
BBRA	Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (PL 106113)	CWFB	Common Working File Part B
C		D	
CAH	Critical Access Hospital	DB	Direct Billing
CAHPS	Consumer Assessments of Health Plans Survey	DC	Diagnostic Code
CDC	Centers for Disease Control	DHHS	Department of Health & Human Services
CDOC	Covered Days of Care	DME	Durable Medical Equipment
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	DMEMAC	Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor
CHC	Community Health Center	DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic, Orthotics & Supplies
CHDR	Center for Health Dispute Resolution	DMEPSC	Durable Medical Equipment Program Safeguard Contractors
CHHA	Certified Home Health Agency	DOD	Department of Defense
CHIP	Children’s Health Insurance Program	DOE	Date of Entitlement

Frequently Used Acronyms

D (continued)

DOL	Department of Labor
DVA	Department of Veteran Affairs
DWA	Disabled Working Aged
DWB	Disabled Widow's Benefits
DWI	Disabled Working Individual

E

EBNE	Eligible But Not Enrolled
EDB	Enrollment Database (Medicare beneficiary entitlement record)
EGHP	Employer Group Health Plan
EHR	Electronic Health Records
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EOC	Evidence of Coverage
ERISA	Employee Income Security Act of 1974
ERx	Electronic Prescription/Prescribing
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease

F

F&A	Fraud & Abuse
F&D	Findings & Determination
FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act
FAQ	Frequently Asked Question
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulations (48 CFR, Ch. 1)
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
FEHBP	Federal Employees Health Benefit Program
FFS	Fee-for-service
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act of 1966, etc.
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FR	Federal Register

F (continued)

FR	Final Rule
FSA	Flexible Savings Account
FY	Fiscal Year

G

GAO	Government Accounting Office
GEP	General Enrollment Period
GHI	Group Health Incorporated
GHP	Group Health Plan
GI	Guaranteed Issue
GPO	Government Printing Office
GR	Guaranteed Renewability

H

HCBWP	Home & Community Based Waiver Program
HEDIS	Health plan Employer Data Information Sets
HH	Home Health
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHABN	Home Health Advanced Beneficiary Notice
HHC	Home Health Care
HHCOV	Home Health Coverage
HHPPS	Home Health Prospective Payment System
HHQI	Home Health Quality Initiative
HHS	(Department of) Health & Human Services (also DHHS)
HHS	Home Health Services
HIB	Hospital Insurance Benefits (Part A)
HIC	Health Insurance Claim
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number (Medicare Number)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

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H (continued)

HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HPMS	Health Plan Management System
HRSA	Health Resources & Services Administration (formerly HRA, formerly PHS)
HSA	Health Savings Account

I

ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ICD-9-CM	Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
IEP	Initial Enrollment Package
IEP	Initial Enrollment Period
IEQ	Initial Enrollment Questionnaire
IHS	Indian Health Service
IRC	Inpatient Respite Care
IRE	Independent Review Entity
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IT	Information Technology
IVR	Interactive Voice Response
IWD	Individuals With Disabilities

J

JCAHCO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations
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L

LGHP	Large Group Health Plan
LIS	Low Income Subsidy
LMRP	Local Medical Review Policy
LOS	Length of Stay
LRD	Lifetime Reserve Days
LTC	Long Term Care
LTCF	Long Term Care Facility

M

MA	Medicare Advantage
MAC	Medicare Appeals Council
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MAPD	Medicare Advantage Plan with Prescription Drug Coverage
MBD	Medicare Beneficiary Database
MBR	Master Beneficiary Record (SSA)
MCBS	Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MDPDF	Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder
MDCN	Medicare Data Communication
MFS	Medicare Fee Schedule
MI	Medicare Insurance (Part B or SSI)
MIPPA	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008
MMA	Medicare Modernization Act of 2003
MOC	Medicare Options Compare
MSA	Medical Savings Account
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area (for PPS)
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice
MSP	Medicare Savings Programs
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer

N

NH	Nursing Home
NIA	National Institute on Aging
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
NMEP	National Medicare Education Program
NMTP	National Medicare Training Program

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O		R	
OASDI	Old Age, Survivors & Disability Insurance	RAC	Recovery Audit Contractor
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981/1987/1989/1990	RDF	Renal Dialysis Facility
ONC	Office of National Coordinator	RFP	Religious Fraternal Organization
OP	Outpatient	RH	Rural Hospital
OPM	Office of Personnel Management	RHC	Rural Health Center
OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System	RHHI	Regional Home Health Intermediary
		RNHCI	Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institution
		RPC	Retro-Processing Contractor
P		RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
PACE	Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly	S	
PBA	Pharmacy Benefit Administrator	SAA	State Administering Agency
PBP	Plan Benefit Package	SEP	Special Enrollment Period
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant	SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program
PDP	Prescription Drug Plan	SHMO	Social Health Maintenance Organization
PFFS	Private Fee-for-Service (Plan)	SLMB	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
PHR	Personal Health Record	SMP	Senior Medicare Patrol
PO	PACE Organization	SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
POS	Point of Service	SNP	Skilled Nursing Facility
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization	SNP	Special Needs Plan
PSA	Prostate Specific Antigen	SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
PSO	Provider Sponsored Organization	SPAP	State Pharmacy Assistance Programs
		SS	Social Security
Q		SSA	Social Security Administration
QDWI	Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals	SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
QI	Qualifying Individual	SSI	Supplemental Security Income
QIO	Quality Improvement Organizations	SSN	Social Security Number
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary		
QWDI	Qualified Working Disabled Individual (aka QDWI)		

Frequently Used Acronyms

T

TFL	Tricare for Life
TROOP	True Out-of-Pocket
TTY	Teletypewriter

V

VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VDS	Voluntary Data Sharing
VDSA	Voluntary Data Sharing Agreement

W

WA	Working Aged
WBT	Web Based Training

X

XMT	Transmit
XMTL	Transmittal
XVI	Title 16 Grants to States for Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled or Aid & Medical Assistance for the Medicare Beneficiary
XVIII	Title 18 Medicare Beneficiary
XX	Title 20 State operated home health care entitlement program
XXI	Title 21 State Child Health Program

Y

YOB	Year of Birth
YR	Year
YTD	Year to Date
YYYY	Year (i.e., mmddyyyy)