

Acronyms

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
A	
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians
AAHAM	American Association for Healthcare Administrative Management
AAIHDS	American Association of Integrated Healthcare Delivery systems
AAMA	American Academy of Medical Administrators
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AAPC	American Academy of Professional Coders
AARP	Formerly American Association for Retired Persons, now known simply as AARP
ABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice
ABN	Alabama Board of Nursing
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACE	Acute Care Episode
ACGME	Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education
ACHE	American College of Healthcare Executives
ACMQ	American College of Medical Quality
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ACPE	American College of Physician Executives
ACS	American Cancer Society
ACU	Ambulatory Care Unit
ADPH	Alabama Department of Public Health
ADR	Additional Documentation Request
AF4Q	Aligning Forces for Quality
AFMC	Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (Alabama QIC)
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHC	Alabama Healthcare Council
AHCA	American Health Care Association
AHII	Alabama Health Improvement Initiative
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
AHIP	American's Health Insurance Plans
AHP	Allied Health Professional
AHQI	Alabama Hospital Quality Initiative
AHRMM	Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AHS	American Healthcare Systems
AHVRP	Association for Healthcare Volunteers Resource Professionals
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AlaHA	Alabama Hospital Association
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
AMA	Against Medical Advice
AMA	American Medical Association
AMCRA	American Medical Care and Review Association
AMT	American Medical Technologists
ANA	American Nurses Association
ANOC	Annual Notice of Change
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AO	Accrediting Organization

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AOA	American Osteopathic Association
AONE	American Organization of Nurse Executives
APC	Ambulatory Payment /or Patient Classifications
APHCA	Alabama Primary Health Care Association, Inc.
APN	Advanced Practice Nurse
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association
AQA	Ambulatory care Quality Alliance
AQAF	Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ART	Accredited Records Technician
ASC	Ambulatory Surgical Centers
ASHE	American Society for Healthcare Engineering
ASHES	American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services
ASHHRA	American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration
ASHRM	American Society for Healthcare Risk Management

B

BBA	Balanced Budget Act
BCBS	Blue Cross Blue Shield
BLS	Basic Life Support
BME	Board of Medical Examiners
BMI	Body Mass Index
BNA	Budget Neutrality Appeal
BP	Blood Pressure
BSN	Bachelor of Science in Nursing

C

CABG	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
CAE	Certified Association Executive
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAHPS	Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
CAP	Competitive Acquisition Program (for Part B)
CAP	Contract Administration Process
CAS	Claim Adjustment Sequence
CAT	Computerized Axial Tomography
CAUTI	Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection
CB	Consolidated Billing
CC	Complication/Comorbidity
CCHD	Critical Congenital Heart Disease
CCI	National Correct Coding Initiative
CCN	Community Care Network
CCR	Cost-to-Charge Ratio
CCS	Certified Coding Specialist
CCU	Critical Care Unit
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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CDM	Charge Description Master
CDR	Clinical Data Repository
CDSS	Clinical Decision Support System
CE	Continuing Education
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CER	Comparative Effectiveness Research
CERT	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CHC	Community Health Center
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CHG	Center for Healthcare Governance
CHIN	Community Health Information Network
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CHNA	Community Health Needs Assessment
CI	Clinical Integration
CICU	Cardiac Intensive Care Unit
CIN	Clinically Integrated Network
CLABSI	Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMI or CMMI	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CMP	Care Management Protocols
CMP	Civil Monetary Penalty
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CNM	Certified Nurse-Midwife
CNO	Chief Nursing Officer
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COBA	Coordination of Benefits Agreement
COBC	Coordination of Benefits Contractor
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COI	Cost of Illness Analysis
COMS	Clinical Outcomes Measurement Systems
CON	Certificate of Need
COO	Chief Operating Officer
CoP	Conditions of Participation
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CORF	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPE	Continuing Professional Education
CPOE	Computerized Physician Order Entry
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
CR	Change Request

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CRBSI	Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CRNP	Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
CSR	Central Supply Room
CT	Computed Tomography
CURP	Concurrent Utilization Review Program
CVD	Cardiovascular Disease
CWF	Common Working File
CXO	Chief Experience Officer

D

DAB	Department of Appeals Board
DDE	Direct Data Entry
DE	Dual Eligible
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DGME	Direct Graduate Medical Education
DHR	Department of Human Resources
DHS	Designated Health Service
DMD	Doctor of Medical Dentistry
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DMO	Disease Management Organization
DNA	Detection by Nucleic Acid
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DO	Doctor of Optometry / or Osteopathy
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DOD	Department of Defense
DOH	Department of Health
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOS	Date of Service
DPP	Disproportionate Patient Percentage
DRG	Diagnosis-Related Group
DSH	Disproportionate Share Hospital
DTB	Door to Balloon time
DUR	Drug Utilization Review
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis

E

E/M OR E&M	Evaluation & Management
EAH	Essential Access Hospital
EBM	Evidence-Based Medicine
ECF	Extended Care Facility
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ECP	Essential Community Providers
ECPS	Expert Claims Processing System
ED	Emergency Department
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EEG	Electroencephalogram / or Electroencephalogram

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EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EKG	Electrocardiogram
ELE	Express Lane Eligibility
ELR	Electronic Lab Reporting
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMS	Emergency Medical Services / or System
EMSC	Emergency Medical Services for Children
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EOC	Effectiveness Of Care
EOC	Evidence Of Coverage
EOP	Elements Of Performance
EPO	Exclusive Provider Organization
ER	Emergency Room
ERSD or ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease
eRX	Electronic Prescribing
ESI	Epidural Steroid Injection

F

FACHE	Fellow, American College of Healthcare Executives
FAH	Federation of American Hospitals
FAHS	Federation of American Health Systems
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCA	False Claims Act
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FDR	First tier, Downstream or Related entities
FED	Freestanding Emergency Departments
FERA	Fraud Enforcement & Recovery Act of 2009
FFP	Federal Financial Participation
FFS	Fee For Service
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FICA	Federal Insurance Contribution Act
FISS	Fiscal Intermediary Standard (or Shared) System
FMAP	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage
FMV	Fair Market Value
FOIA	Freedom Of Information Act
FP	Family Practitioner
FPPE	Focused Professional Practice Evaluation
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
FTP	File Transfer Protocol

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GAO	Government Accountability Office
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GINQ	General Inquiry (claims inquiry with Medicare-Cahaba customer service)
GME	Graduate Medical Education
GP	General Practitioner
H	
HAC	Hospital Acquired Condition
HAI	Hospital Acquired Infection
HAS	Health Savings Account
HB	House Bill
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
HCFA	Health Care Fraud & Abuse
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
HCPP	Health Care Prepayment Plan
HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Association
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HIE	Health Information Exchange
HIGLAS	Health Care Integrated General Ledger Accounting System
HIM	Health Information Management
HIMSS	Health Information and Management Systems Society
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HIS	Hospital Information System
HIT	Health Information Technology
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMO	Health Management / or Maintenance Organization
HPOE	Hospitals in Pursuit Of Excellence
HPS	Hospital Purchasing Service
HQA	Hospital Quality Alliance
HRET	Health Research & Educational Trust
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HVBP	Hospital Value-Based Purchasing
I	
I/O	Input/Output
ICCU	Intensive Coronary Care Unit
ICD 9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICN	Internal /or Inquiry /or Intermediary Control Number
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IEC	Institutional Ethics Committee
IFD	Institute for Diversity in Health Management
IHF	International Hospital Federation
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement

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IOCP	Intensive Outpatient Care Program
IOM	Institute Of Medicine
IP	Inpatient
IPF	Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital
IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IRE	Independent Review Entity
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IS	Information Systems
IS or IOS	Intensity of Service
ISMP	Institute for Safe Medicine Practices
IT	Information Technology
IV	Intravenous
J	
J10	Medicare Jurisdiction for MAC (AL, GA, TN)
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
JAR	Joint Annual Report of Hospitals
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JV	Joint Venture
L	
LCD	Local Coverage Determinations
LDR	Labor & Delivery Room
LDRP	Labor/Delivery/Recovery/Post-partum
LHRP	Leapfrog Hospital Recognition Program
LIP	Low Income Percentage
LOA	Leave Of Absence
LOB	Line of Business
LOC	Level of Care
LOS	Length Of Stay
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LTC	Long-Term Care
LTCF	Long-Term Care Facility
LTCH	Long-Term Care Hospital
LTD	Long-Term Care Disability
LWBS	Left Without Being Seen
M	
MA	Medical Assistant
MA	Medicare Advantage
MAC	Maximum Allowable Charges
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MAO	Medicare Advantage Organization
MASA	Medical Association of the State of Alabama
MCC	Major Complication/Comorbidity
MCO	Managed Care Organization

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MCR	Medicare Cost Report
MCS	Managed Care System
MD	Doctor of Medicine
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category
MDP	Medical Disclosure Panel
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MedPAR	Medicare Payment Analysis and Review
MEI	Medicare Economic Index
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MGMA	Medical Group Management Association
MHA	Master of Health Administration / or Hospital Administration
MI	Myocardial Infarction
MIC	Medicaid Integrity Contractor
MICU	Medical Intensive Care Unit
MIP	Medicare Integrity Program
MIS	Management Information System
MLN	Medicare Learning Network
MLP	Mid-Level Practitioner
MLR	Medical Loss Ratio
MMIS	Medical Management Information System
MOC	Maintenance of Certification
MPA	Master of Public Administration
MPH	Master of Public Health
MR	Medical Review
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MRSA	Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MSN	Master of Science in Nursing
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice
MSO	Management Service Organization
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer
MSSP	Medicare Shared Savings Program
MSW	Master of Social Work
MTM	Medication Therapy Management
MU	Meaningful Use
MUA	Medically Underserved Area
MUE	Medically Unlikely Edit
MUP	Medically Underserved Population
N	
NACH	National Association of Children's Hospitals
NAMM	North American Medical Management
NB	Newborn
NBCH	National Business Coalition on Health
NBME	National Board of Medical Examiners
NCCI	National Correct Coding Initiative

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NCD	National Coverage Determinations
NCHL	National Center for Healthcare Leadership
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NDC	National Drug Code
NEJM	New England Journal of Medicine
NFP	Not-for-Profit
NH	Nursing Home
NICU	Neurosurgical / or Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NMW	Nurse Midwife
NOC	Not Otherwise Classified
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPR	Notice of Program Reimbursement
NQF	National Quality Forum
NRHA	National Rural Health Association

O

OB-GYN	Obstetrics & Gynecology
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OBS	Observation Status
OCE	Outpatient Code Editor
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OD	Doctor of Optometry
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OMHA	Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals
OP	Outpatient
OPC	Out Patient Clinic
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OPPE	Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation
OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OPT	Outpatient Physical Therapy
OR	Operating Room
ORHP	Office of Rural Health Policy
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OT	Occupational Therapy / or Therapist
OTC	Over-The-Counter

P

P4P	Pay for Performance
PA	Physician Assistant
PA	Professional Association
PAAC	Pre-Anesthesia Assessment Clinic
PACU	Post Anesthesia Care Unit
PAP	Positive Airway Pressure

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PAP-NAP	Positive Airway Pressure testing procedure
PAR	Provider Audit Rembursement
PCC	Provider Claim Center
PCCM	Primary Care Case Management
PCI	Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
PCMH	Patient-Centered Medical Home
PCN	Primary Care Network
PCORI	Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PDMP	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
PDx	Principle Diagnosis
PET	Positron Emission Tomography
PFS	Physician Fee Schedule (Medicare)
PharmD	Doctor of Pharmacy
PHI	Protected Health Information
PHO	Physician-Hospital Organization
PHS	Public Health Service
PIC	Program Integrity Contractor
PICC	Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter
PIM	Program Integrity Manual
PIP	Periodic Interim Payment
PLB	Provider Level Balance
PMD	Preferred Medical Doctor
PMO	Principal Medical Officer
POA	Present on Admission
POE	Provider Outreach & Education
POS	Point Of Service
PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PPP	Preferred Provider Plan
PPRC	Physician Payment Review Commission
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PQRI	Physician Quality Reporting Initiative
PRI	Provider Resources, Inc.
PRO	Professional Review Organization
PRRB	Provider Reimbursement Review Board
PS&R	Provider Statistical & Reimbursement Report
PSA	Patient Safety Alert
PSC	Program Safeguard Contractor
PSN	Provider Sponsored Network
PSO	Patient Safety Organization
Pt	Patient
PT	Physical Therapy / or Therapist
PTS	Provider Tracking System
PwC	PricewaterhouseCoopers

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Q

QA	Quality Assessment / or Assurance
QACSC	Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate
QARI	Quality Assurance Reform Initiative
QHP	Qualified Health Plan
QI	Quality Improvement
QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor (audit)
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QM	Quality Management

R

R&E	Research and Education
RA	Recovery Auditor
RA	Remittance Advice
RAC	Recovery Audit Contractor
RAD	Radiation Absorbed Dose
RCH	Rural Community Hospital
RCO	Regional Care Organization
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
RFP	Request For Proposal
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organization
RIC	Revenue Integrity Committee
RN	Registered Nurse
ROA	Return On Asset
ROE	Return On Equity
ROI	Return On Investment
RPh	Registered Pharmacist
RPN	Registered Practical Nurse
RPT	Registered Physical Therapist
RRC	Rural Referral Center
RT	Registered Technician
RT	Respiratory Therapy / or Therapist
RTP	Return to Provider
RUG	Resource Utilization Group
RVC	RAC Validation Contractor
RVS	Relative Value Scale
RVU	Relative Value Unit

S

SA	State Agency
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SB	Senate Bill
SB	Summary of Benefits
SCH	Sole Community Hospital
SEIU	Service Employees International Union

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SGR	Sustainable Growth Rate
SHCC	Statewide Health Coordinating Council
SHM	Society for Hospital Medicine
SHPDA	State Health Planning and Development Agency
SHSMD	Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development
SICU	Surgical Intensive Care Unit
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SIM	State Innovation Models
SLP	Speech Language Pathology
SMDA	Safety Medical Devices Act
SMRC	Supplemental Medical Review Contractors
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOA / SOX	Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
SOBRA	Sixth Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
SoC	Systems of Care
SOW	Statement of Work
SPA	State Plan Amendment
SPECT	Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Social Security Income
SSI	Surgical Site Infection
ST	Speech Therapy or Speech Therapist
STEMI	ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction
SVP	Senior Vice President

T

2MN	Two Midnight Rule
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TC	Technical Component
TCC	Total Case Compensation
TCM	Transitional Care Management
TEI	Transforaminal Epidural Injection
THR	Total Hip Replacement
TJC	The Joint Commission
TJR	Total Joint Replacement
TKR	Total Knee Replacement
TMS	Telehealth Medical Services
TOB	Type of Bill
TPA	Third-Party Administrator
TQI	Total Quality Improvement
TQM	Total Quality Management

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U	
UB	Uniform Billing
UB-04	Uniform Billing (revised version of the UB-92)
UB-92	Uniform Billing - Form 92
UD	Unit Dose
UHC	United HealthCare
UIRS	Unusual Incident Reporting System
UM	Utilization Management
UPIN	Universal Physician Identification Number
UR	Utilization Review
URI	Upper Respiratory Infection
V	
VA	Veterans Administration
VAP	Ventilator Associated Pneumonia
VBP	Value-Based Purchasing
VHA	Voluntary Hospitals of America
VOP	Value Of Production
VPS	Volume Performance Standards
W	
WC	Workers' Compensation
WHO	World Health Organization
WIC	Women, Infants and Children Program
WPS	Wisconsin Physicians Service
Y	
YTD	Year-to-Date
Z	
ZPIC	Zone Program Integrity Contractors

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