



## ACRONYMS

### Health Policy Essentials:

#### Common Terms in Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP

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### [ A ]

<b>AAPCC</b>	Adjusted Average Per Capita Cost
<b>ACO</b>	Accountable Care Organization
<b>ACA</b>	[Patient Protection and] Affordable Care Act of 2010
<b>ADL</b>	Activities of Daily Living
<b>AFDC</b>	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
<b>ALOS</b>	Average Length of Stay
<b>AMP</b>	Average Manufacturer Price
<b>APC</b>	Ambulatory Payment Classification
<b>ARRA</b>	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
<b>ASC</b>	Ambulatory Surgical Center
<b>ASP</b>	Average Sales Price
<b>AWP</b>	Average Wholesale Price

### [ B ]

<b>BBA</b>	Balanced Budget Act of 1997
<b>BBRA</b>	Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999
<b>BIPA</b>	Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000

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**[ C ]**

<b>CAH</b>	Critical Access Hospital
<b>CBO</b>	Congressional Budget Office
<b>CHC</b>	Community Health Center
<b>CHIP</b>	Children's Health Insurance Program
<b>CMHC</b>	Community Mental Health Center
<b>CMS</b>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
<b>COLA</b>	Cost of Living Adjustment
<b>CON</b>	Certificate of Need
<b>COP</b>	Conditions of Participation
<b>CPI</b>	Consumer Price Index
<b>CPT®</b>	<i>Current Procedural Terminology</i> , Fourth Edition
<b>CRS</b>	Congressional Research Service

**[ D ]**

<b>DD</b>	Developmental Disability
<b>DME</b>	Durable Medical Equipment
<b>DRA</b>	Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
<b>DRG</b>	Diagnosis-Related Group
<b>DSH</b>	Disproportionate Share Hospital

**[ E ]**

<b>E&amp;M</b>	Evaluation and Management
<b>ED</b>	Emergency Department
<b>EMR</b>	Electronic Medical Record

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<b>EHR</b>	Electronic Health Record
<b>EMTALA</b>	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act of 1986
<b>EPSDT</b>	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program
<b>ESRD</b>	End Stage Renal Disease

## [ F ]

<b>FEHBP</b>	Federal Employees Health Benefits Program
<b>FFP</b>	Federal Financial Participation
<b>FFS</b>	Fee-For-Service
<b>FICA</b>	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
<b>FMAP</b>	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage
<b>FPL</b>	Federal Poverty Level
<b>FQHC</b>	Federally Qualified Health Center
<b>FTC</b>	Federal Trade Commission

## [ G ]

<b>GAO</b>	Government Accountability Office
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product
<b>GME</b>	Graduate Medical Education

## [ H ]

<b>HCBS</b>	Home and Community-Based Services
<b>HCPCS</b>	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
<b>HEDIS®</b>	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set®

<b>HHA</b>	Home Health Agency
<b>HHRG</b>	Home Health Resource Group
<b>HHS</b>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<b>HI</b>	Hospital Insurance (Medicare Part A)
<b>HIFA</b>	Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability
<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
<b>HIT</b>	Health Information Technology
<b>HMO</b>	Health Maintenance Organization
<b>HPSA</b>	Health Professional Shortage Area
<b>HSA</b>	Health Savings Account
<b>[ I ]</b>	
<b>IADL</b>	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
<b>ICD</b>	International Classification of Diseases
<b>ICF/MR</b>	Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded
<b>IGT</b>	Intergovernmental Transfer
<b>IMD</b>	Institution for Mental Disease
<b>IPAB</b>	Independent Payment Advisory Board
<b>IPPS</b>	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
<b>IRF</b>	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
<b>IRF-PAI</b>	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument
<b>[ J ]</b>	
<b>JCAHO</b>	Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations; now known as the Joint Commission

**[ L ]**

<b>LIS</b>	Low-income Drug Subsidy
<b>LOS</b>	Length of Stay
<b>LTC</b>	Long-Term Care
<b>LTCH</b>	Long-Term Care Hospital
<b>LTSS</b>	Long-Term Services and Supports

**[ M ]**

<b>MA</b>	Medicare Advantage
<b>MAC</b>	Medicare Administrative Contractor
<b>MA-PD</b>	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan
<b>MACPAC</b>	Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission
<b>MCBS</b>	Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey
<b>MCO</b>	Managed Care Organization
<b>MDS</b>	Minimum Data Set
<b>MedPAC</b>	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
<b>MEI</b>	Medicare Economic Index
<b>MIPPA</b>	Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008
<b>MMA</b>	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003
<b>MMIS</b>	Medical Management Information System
<b>MS-DRG</b>	Medicare Severity-diagnosis related groups
<b>MSP</b>	Medicare Savings Program; Medicare Secondary Payor
<b>MUA</b>	Medically Underserved Area

**[ N ]**

<b>NCQA</b>	National Committee on Quality Assurance
<b>NPRM</b>	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

**[ O ]**

<b>OAA</b>	Older Americans Act of 1965
<b>OASDI</b>	Old Age Survivors, Disability, and Health Insurance Program
<b>OASIS</b>	Outcome and Assessment Information Set
<b>OMB</b>	Office of Management and Budget
<b>OPD</b>	Outpatient Department
<b>OPPS</b>	Outpatient Prospective Payment System

**[ P ]**

<b>PACE</b>	Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly
<b>PBM</b>	Pharmacy Benefit Manager
<b>PCCM</b>	Primary Care Case Management
<b>PCP</b>	Primary Care Provider
<b>PDL</b>	Preferred Drug List
<b>PDP</b>	Prescription Drug Plan
<b>PFFS</b>	Private Fee-for-Service (Plan)
<b>PMPM</b>	Per Member Per Month
<b>POS</b>	Point of Service
<b>PPACA</b>	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010
<b>PPO</b>	Preferred Provider Organization
<b>PPS</b>	Prospective Payment System

## [ Q ]

<b>QI</b>	Qualified Individual
<b>QIO</b>	Quality Improvement Organization
<b>QMB</b>	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
<b>QWDI</b>	Qualified Working Disabled Individual

## [ R ]

<b>RAC</b>	Recovery Audit Contractor
<b>RBRVS</b>	Resource-Based Relative Value Scale
<b>RHC</b>	Rural Health Clinic
<b>RUC</b>	American Medical Association/Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee
<b>RUG-III</b>	Resource Utilization Group, Version III
<b>RVU</b>	Relative Value Unit

## [ S ]

<b>SGR</b>	Sustainable Growth Rate
<b>SLMB</b>	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
<b>SMD</b>	State Medicaid Director
<b>SMI</b>	Supplementary Medical Insurance (Medicare Part B)
<b>SNF</b>	Skilled Nursing Facility
<b>SNP</b>	Special Needs Plan (Medicare Advantage)
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>SSI</b>	Supplemental Security Income
<b>SSDI</b>	Social Security Disability Insurance

**[ T ]**

- TANF** Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- TPA** Third-Party Administrator
- TWIIA** Ticket to Work Investment and Improvement Act

**[ U ]**

- UCR** Usual, Customary, and Reasonable
- UPL** Upper Payment Limit
- UR** Utilization Review