

Acronyms and Abbreviations

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| AARP | American Association of Retired Persons |
| ABG | Arterial Blood Gas |
| ABN | Advance Beneficiary Notice |
| ACA | Affordable Care Act |
| ADMC | Advance Determination of Medicare Coverage |
| ADS | Automated Development Letter |
| ADR | Additional Documentation Request |
| ALJ | Administrative Law Judge |
| AMA | American Medical Association |
| ANSI | American National Standard Institute |
| ASCA | Administrative Simplification Compliance Act |
| AWP | Average Wholesale Pricing |
| BBA | Balanced Budget Act |
| BCRC | Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center |
| BIPA | Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 |
| CBA | Competitive Bidding Area |
| CBIC | Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor |
| CCN | Claim Control Number |
| CEDI | Common Electronic Data Interchange |
| CERT | Comprehensive Error Rate Testing |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CMN | Certificate of Medical Necessity |
| CMR | Comprehensive Medical Review |
| CMS | Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services |

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| CNS | Clinical Nurse Specialist |
| COB | Coordination of Benefits |
| CPAP | Continuous Positive Airway Pressure |
| CPI | Consumer Price Index |
| CSI | Claim Status Inquiry |
| CSR | Customer Service Representative |
| CSS | Chronic Stable State |
| CWF | Common Working File |
| DCN | Document Control Number |
| DHHS | Department of Health and Human Services |
| DIF | DME MAC Information Form |
| DME | Durable Medical Equipment |
| DME MAC | Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor |
| DMEPOS | Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies |
| DO | Doctor of Osteopathy |
| DOJ | Department of Justice |
| DOS | Date of Service |
| DPM | Doctor of Podiatric Medicine |
| DRA | Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 |
| DWO | Detailed Written Order |
| DWOPD | Detailed Written Order Prior to Delivery |
| EDI | Electronic Data Interchange |
| EFT | Electronic Funds Transfer |
| e.g. | For example |
| EGHP | Employer Group Health Plan |
| EIN | Employer Identification Number |
| EMC | Electronic Media Claims |

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| EOB | Explanation of Benefits |
| EOMB | Explanation of Medicare Benefits |
| ERL | Electronic Receipt Listing |
| ERA | Electronic Remittance Advice |
| esMD | Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation |
| ESRD | End Stage Renal Disease |
| FCN | Financial Control Number |
| FDA | Food and Drug Administration |
| Fed Reg | Federal Register |
| FFS | Fee-for-Service |
| FOIA | Freedom of Information Act |
| FTF | Face To Face |
| GHP | Group Health Plan |
| HCPCS | Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System |
| HHA | Home Health Agency |
| HHS | Health and Human Services |
| HICN | Health Insurance Claim Number |
| HIPAA | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act |
| HME | Home Medical Equipment |
| HMO | Health Maintenance Organization |
| HO | Hearing Officer |
| IIC | Inflation-Indexed Charge |
| IOL | Intraocular lens |
| IPPB | Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing |
| IRP | Inexpensive or Other Routinely Purchased |
| IV | Intravenous |
| IVR | Interactive Voice Response |
| LCD | Local Coverage Determination |
| LCL | Lowest Charge Level |

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| LGHP | Large Group Health Plan |
| LSO | Lumbar Sacral Orthosis |
| MD | Medical Director |
| MEDPARD | Medicare Participating Suppliers Directory |
| MHO | Medicare Hearing Officer |
| MMA | Medicare Modernization Act (of 1999) |
| MS | Maintenance and Servicing |
| MSE | Metropolitan Statistical Area |
| MSN | Medicare Summary Notice |
| MSP | Medicare Secondary Payer |
| NCD | National Coverage Determination |
| NDC | National Drug Code |
| NOC | Not Otherwise Classified |
| NP | Nurse Practitioner |
| NPI | National Provider Identifier |
| NPPEs | National Plan and Provider Enumeration System |
| NSC | National Supplier Clearinghouse |
| NSF | National Standard Format |
| OBRA | Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act |
| OCNA | Other Carrier Name/Address |
| OIG | Office of the Inspector General |
| OMB | Office of Management and Budget |
| OMHA | Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals |
| PA | Policy Article, also Physician Assistance |
| PAR | Prior Authorization Request |
| PCA | Progressive Corrective Action |
| PDAC | Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding |
| PIM | Program Integrity Manual |

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| PM | Program Memorandum |
| PMD | Power Mobility Device |
| POD | Proof of Delivery |
| POE | Provider Outreach and Education |
| PPS | Payment Prospective System |
| PSC | Program Safeguard Contractor |
| PTAN | Provider Transaction Access Number |
| PWK | Paperwork |
| QIC | Qualified Independent Contractor |
| RA | Remittance Advice |
| RAC (or RA) | Recovery Audit Contractor (now called Recovery Auditor) |
| RESNA | Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America |
| RRB | Railroad Retirement Board |
| SACU | Supplier Audit and Compliance Unit |
| SLM | Seat Lift Mechanism |
| SMRC | Supplemental Medical Review Contractor |
| SNF | Skilled Nursing Facility |
| SSA | Social Security Administration |
| TENS | Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulator |
| TIN | Tax Identification Number |
| TLSO | Thoracic-Lumbar-Sacral Orthosis |
| UMWA | United Mine Workers Association |
| UPIN | Unique Physicians Identification Number |
| USC | United States Code |
| VA | Veteran's Administration |
| WC | Workers' Compensation |
| WOPD | Written Order Prior to Delivery |
| ZPIC | Zone Program Integrity Contractor |