

Acronyms and Abbreviations

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

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

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

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

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