

Useful Industry Acronyms for the Medical Practice Group

AAPC	American Academy of Professional Coders
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians
ABN	Advance beneficiary notice
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACO	Accountable care organization
ACP	American College of Physicians
ADR	Additional documentation request
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AKI	Acute kidney injury
AMA	American Medical Association
AMGA	American Medical Group Association
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
AOA	American Osteopathic Association
APM	Alternative Payment Model
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
ASC	Ambulatory surgery center
ASCVD	Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASP	Average sales price
AWP	Average wholesale price
BID (also b.i.d.)	“bis in die” – Latin for “twice a day”
CAH	Critical access hospital
CARC	Claims adjustment reason code
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDI	Clinical documentation improvement
CERHT	Certified Electronic Health Record Technology
CERT	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CHIP	Children’s Health Insurance Program
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CMSA	Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, Pub. L. 99-272
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPC	Certified professional coder
CPT	Current procedural terminology
CRNA	Certified registered nurse anesthetist
CT	Computed tomography
CY	Calendar year
DMEPOS	Durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies
DRA	Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-171

ECOG Performance Status	A scale of a patient's ability to care for themselves, developed by the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group
E/M	Evaluation and management
EDMS	Electronic document management system
EHR	Electronic health records
EMR	Electronic medical records
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-272
ENMT	Ears, nose, mouth, throat
EOB	Explanation of benefits
ESRD	End-stage renal disease
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FFS	Fee-for-service
FQHC	Federally qualified health center
FY	Fiscal year
GAF	Geographic adjustment factor
GPCI	Geographic practice cost index
H&P	History and physical
HCC	Hierarchical Condition Categories
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
HEENT	Head, ears, eyes, nose, throat
HHA	Home health agency
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HIM	Health information management
HIMSS	Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HITECH Act	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
HMO	Health maintenance organization
HSA	Health savings account
HTN	Hypertension
IA	Improvement Activities
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modifications
ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modifications
ICD-10-PCS	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedure Coding System
IHS	Indian Health Service
IOM	Institute of Medicine
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
LCD	Local coverage determination
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MACRA	Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015
MBI	Medicare beneficiary identifier
MCO	Managed care organization
MDM	Medical decision-making

ME	Malpractice expense
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MGMA	Medical Group Management Association
MIC	Medicaid Integrity Contractors
MIPS	Merit-based Incentive Payment System
MSSP	Medicare Shared Savings Program
N/V/D	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
NCCI	National Correct Coding Initiative
NCD	National coverage determination
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
NKDA	Neuropathy, ataxia, and retinitis pigmentosa
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NVHRI	National Voluntary Hospital Reporting Initiative
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ONCHIT	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
PA	Prior authorization
PE	Practice expense
PEPPER	Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report
PERRL	Pupils equal, round and reactive to light
PFS	Physician fee schedule
PI	Promoting Interoperability
PND	Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea, a feeling of shortness of breath that awakens patient while sleeping
prn	pro re nata – Latin for “as needed”
QPP	Quality Payment Program
RA	Remittance advice
RAC	Recovery Audit Contractor
RARC	Remittance advice remark code
RBRVS	Resource-based relative value scale
RHC	Rural health clinic
RUC	AMA/Specialty Society RVS update committee
RVU	Relative value units
SGR	Sustainable growth rate
SIRS	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome
SNF	Skilled nursing facility
SRA	Security risk assessment
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
TIA	Transient ischemic attack
TIN	Tax identification number

UR	Utilization review
VBP	Value-based purchasing
WBC	White blood cell
WHO	World Health Organization
WNL	Within normal limits
wRVU	Work relative value units
ZPIC	Zone Program Integrity Contractor