



## Medicare Hospital Version

### MEDICARE RELATED ACRONYMS

#### A

AAPC	American Academy of Professional Coders
ABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ACP	Advance Care Planning
ADLT	Advance Diagnostic Laboratory Testing
ADR	Additional Documentation Request
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
ALOS	Average Length of Stay
AMA	American Medical Association
APC	Ambulatory Payment Classification
ASC	Ambulatory Surgery Center
ASP	Average Sales Price
AUC	Appropriate Use Criteria
AWP	Average Wholesale Price
AWV	Annual Wellness Visit

#### B

BBA	Balanced Budget Act of 1997
BBRA	Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999
BFCC-QIO	Beneficiary and Family Centered Care–Quality Improvement Organization
BIPA	Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### C

CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAL	Coding Analysis for Labs
CAP	Competitive Acquisition Program
CARC	Claims Adjustment Reason Code
CAUTI	Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection
CB	Consolidated Billing
CBSA	Core Based Statistical Area
CC	Complication or Comorbidity
CCN	Claims Control Number
CCR	Cost-To-Charge Ratio
CCM	Chronic Care Management
CCMI	Correct Coding Modifier Indicator
CDSM	Clinical Decision Support Mechanism
CED	Coverage with Evidence Development
CDM	Charge Description Master
CERT	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing
CFC	Conditions for Coverage

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CLFS	Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendments
CMHC	Community Medical Health Center
CMG	Case Mix Group
CMN	Certificate of Medical Necessity
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
COB	Coordination of Benefits
CoP	Conditions of Participation
COLA	Cost-of-living Adjustment
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
CQM	Clinical Quality Measure
CR	Change Request
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CSW	Clinical Social Worker
CY	Calendar Year

## D

DAB	Department Appeals Board
DCN	Document Control Number
DDE	Direct Data Entry
DGME	Direct Graduate Medical Education (also referred to as “GME”)
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (also referred to as “DME”)
DN	Detailed Notice of Discharge
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOS	Date of Service
DPU	Distinct Part Unit
DRA	Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
DRG	Diagnosis-Related Group
DSH	Disproportionate Share Hospital

## E

EACH	Essential Access Community Hospital
E/M	Evaluation and Management
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EP	Eligible Professional
ER	Emergency Room
ERA	Electronic Remittance Advice
eRx	Electronic Prescribing
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease

## F

FAQ	Frequently Asked Question
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FDsys	Federal Digital System
FFS	Fee-for-service
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FISS	Fiscal Intermediary Shared System
FL	Form/Field Location
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year
FYE	Fiscal Year End

## G

GAF	Geographic Adjustment Factor
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GME	Graduate Medical Education (also referred to as “DGME”)
GPCI	Geographic Practice Cost Index
GPO	Government Printing Office

## H

HAC	Hospital Acquired Condition
HAI	Healthcare Associated Infection
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
HETS	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Eligibility Transaction System
HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Association
HHA	Home Health Agency
HICN	Health Insurance Card Number
HINN	Hospital Issued Notice of Noncoverage
HIT	Health Information Technology
HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HOP	Hospital Outpatient Panel
HOPD	Hospital Outpatient Department
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
HRSA	Health Resources & Services Administration
HVBP	Hospital Value-Based Purchasing

## I

ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification
ICD-10-PCS	International Classification of Diseases Tenth Revision - Procedure Coding System
IBT	Intensive Behavioral Therapy
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IDE	Investigational Device Exemption
IHS	Indian Health Service
IM	Important Message from Medicare
IME	Indirect Medical Education
IMRT	Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy
I/OCE	Integrated Outpatient Code Editor
IOM	Internet-Only Manual
IPF	Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
IPPE	Initial Preventative Physical Exam
IPPS	Short-Term Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IQR	Inpatient Quality Reporting
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility

## J

JC	Joint Commission (formerly JCAHO)
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## L

LOA	Leave of Absence
LCD	Local Coverage Determination
LDR	Low Dose Rate
LIDOS	Line Item Date of Service
LOL	Limitation on Liability
LOS	Length of Stay
LTCH	Long-Term Care Hospital
LTR	Life Time Reserve

## M

MA	Medicare Advantage
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MACRA	Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015
MAI	MUE Adjustment Indicator
MBI	Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
MCC	Major Complication and Comorbidity
MCD	Medicare Coverage Database
MCE	Medicare Code Editor
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MCTRJA	Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category
MDH	Medicare Dependent Hospital
MEDCAC	Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Analysis Committee
MEDPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MEDPAR	Medicare Provider Analysis and Review File
MEI	Medicare Economic Index
MGCRB	Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board
MIPS	Merit-based Incentive Payment System
MIPPA	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act
MLN	Medicare Learning Network
MMA	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act
MMEA	Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010
MoIDX	Molecular Diagnostic Services
MPFS	Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
MPPR	Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction
MR	Medical Review
MPFS	Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MS-DRG	Medicare Severity-Adjusted Diagnosis Related Group
MSE	Medical Screening Exam
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer
MUE	Medically Unlikely Edit
<b>N</b>	
NCA	National Coverage Analysis
NCCI	National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI)
NCD	National Coverage Determination
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
NDC	National Drug Code
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPP	Non-physician Practitioner
NQF	National Quality Forum
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee
NUCC	National Uniform Claims Committee
<b>O</b>	
OCE	Outpatient Code Editor
ODF	Open Door Forum
OIG	Office of Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OMHA	Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals
OPPS	(Hospital) Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OQR	(Hospital) Outpatient Quality Reporting (formerly called Hospital Outpatient Quality Data Reporting Program HOP QDRP)
OR	Operating Room
OSC	Occurrence Span Code

OT	Occupational Therapist
OTN	One Time Notification
<b>P</b>	
PA	Physician Assistant
PAMA	Protecting Access to Medicare Act
PC	Professional Component
PCR	Payment to Cost Ratio
PECOS	Provider Enrollment Chain and Ownership System
PEPPER	Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report
PHI	Protected Health Information
PHP	Partial Hospitalization Program
POA	Present On Admission
POC	Plan of Care
POS	Place of Service
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PPPS	Personalized Preventive Plan Services
PPV	Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccine
PQRS	Physician Quality Reporting System
PRA	Per Resident Amount or Paperwork Reduction Act
PRM	Provider Reimbursement Manual
PROPAC	Prospective Payment Assessment Commission
PRRB	Provider Reimbursement Review Board
PS&R	Provider Statistical and Reimbursement System
PSC	Program Safeguard Contractor
PT	Physical Therapist
PTAN	Provider Transaction Access Number
PY	Performance Year

<b>Q</b>	
QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
QPP	Quality Payment Program

<b>R</b>	
RA	Recovery Audit Contractor (formerly called RACs)
RA	Remittance Advice
RARC	Remittance Advice Remark Code
RBRVS	Resource Based Relative Value Scale
RCE	Reasonable Compensation Equivalent
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RNHCI	Religious Non-medical Healthcare Institution
RO	Regional Office
RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
RRC	Rural Referral Center
RRP	Readmissions Reduction Program
RTP	Return to Provider
RVU	Relative Value Unit
RY	Rate Year

<b>S</b>	
SAD	Self-administered Drug
SCH	Sole Community Hospital
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
SGR	Sustainable Growth Rate
SI	Status Indicator
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SMRC	Supplemental Medical Review Contractor

SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
<b>T</b>	
TC	Technical Component
TCM	Transitional Care Management
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982
TIN	Tax Identification Number
TOPS	Transitional Outpatient Payments
TPTCCA	Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011
<b>U</b>	
UB-04	Uniform Bill for Institutional Billing
UHDDS	Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set
UPIC	Unified Program Integrity Contractor
UR	Utilization Review
USC	United States Code
<b>V</b>	
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VBP	Value-based Purchasing
VC	Value Code
<b>W</b>	
WAC	Wholesale Acquisition Cost
WEDI	Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange
<b>Y</b>	
YR	Year
YTD	Year-to-Date
<b>Z</b>	
ZPIC	Zone Program Integrity Contractor

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