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Medicare Utilization Review Version

MEDICARE RELATED ACRONYMS

A

ABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice
ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ACP	Advance Care Planning
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
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
AWP	Average Wholesale Price
AWV	Annual Wellness Visit

B

BBA	Balanced Budget Act of 1997
BBRA	Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999
BIPA	Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics

C

CAH	Critical Access Hospital
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
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

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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”)
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
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
GME	Graduate Medical Education (also referred to as “DGME”)
GPCI	Geographic Practice Cost Index

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

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HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Association
HHA	Home Health Agency
HICN	Health Insurance Card Number
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
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
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

LCD	Local Coverage Determination
LDR	Low Dose Rate
LIDOS	Line Item Date of Service
LOS	Length of Stay
LTCH	Long-Term Care Hospital
LTR	Life Time Reserve

M

MA	Medicare Advantage
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MBI	Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
MCC	Major Complication and Comorbidity
MCD	Medicare Coverage Database
MCE	Medicare Code Editor
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MCSN	Medicare Change of Status Notice
MCTRJCA	Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category
MDH	Medicare Dependent Hospital
MEDPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MEDPAR	Medicare Provider Analysis and Review File
MEI	Medicare Economic Index
MGCRB	Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board
MIPPA	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act

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MLN	Medicare Learning Network
MMA	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act
MMEA	Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010
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
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer
MUE	Medically Unlikely Edit

N

NCCI	National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI)
NCD	National Coverage Determination
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NCVHS	National Committee On Vital and Health Statistics
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NQF	National Quality Forum
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee
NUCC	National Uniform Claims Committee

O

OR	Operating Room
OCE	Outpatient Code Editor
OIG	Office of Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPPS	(Hospital) Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OQR	(Hospital) Outpatient Quality Reporting (formerly called Hospital Outpatient Quality Data Reporting Program HOP QDRP)
OT	Occupational Therapist

P

PA	Physician Assistant
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

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Q

QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary

R

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
RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
RRC	Rural Referral Center
RRP	Readmissions Reduction Program
RTP	Return to Provider
RVU	Relative Value Unit
RY	Rate Year

S

SCH	Sole Community Hospital
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
SI	Status Indicator
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SMRC	Supplemental Medical Review Contractor
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility

T

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

U

UHDDS	Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set
UR	Utilization Review

V

VBP	Value-based Purchasing
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W

WAC	Wholesale Acquisition Cost
WEDI	Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange

Y

YR	Year
YTD	Year-to-Date

Z

ZPIC	Zone Program Integrity Contractor
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- [CMS Acronyms](#)
- [CMS Glossary](#)
- [MLN Matters Publication: Medicare Basics Commonly Used Acronyms, March 2017](#)