



ACRONYMS

AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
AAA	Area Agencies on Aging
AAPCC	Adjusted Average Per Capita Cost
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
ABD	Aged, Blind, Disabled
ABLE	Achieving a Better Life Experience Program (NY ABLE)
ABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage
ABS	Annual Benefit Summary
AC	Actual Charge
AC	Allowable Charge
ACA	Affordable Care Act (2010)
ACD	Automatic Cancellation Date
ACEP	Annual Coordinated Election Period
ACH	Acute Care Hospital
ACL	Administration for Community Living
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ACPS	Advanced Claims Processing System
ACS	American Cancer Society
ACSC	Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions
AD	Admitting Diagnosis
ADA	American Dental Association
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (of 1990)
ADAP	AIDS Drug Assistance Program
ADB	Accelerated Death Benefit
ADC	Adult Day Care
ADHC	Adult Day Health Care (Medical Model)

ADJ	Adjusted Claim
ADL	Activity of Daily Living
ADMC	Advance Determination of Medicare Coverage
ADMS	Alcohol, Drug Abuse & Mental Health Services
ADP	Alternative Disposition Plan (Medicaid)
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
ADRC	Aging & Disability Resource Center
AEP	Annual Election Period
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AG	Attorney General
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income
AAHA	American Association of Homes for the Aging
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHB	American Health Benefit (Exchanges)
AHP	Accountable Health Partnership
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
AIC	Amount in Controversy
ALF	Assisted Living Facility
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
ALOS	Average Length of Stay
ALP	Assisted Living Program (Medicaid)
ALR	Assisted Living Residence
ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
ALS	Advanced Life Support
ALT	Average Length of Treatment
AMA	American Medical Association
ANOC	Annual Notice of Change (Medicare Part D)
AOA	Administration on Aging
AOB	Assignment of Benefits

AP	Appeals Department
APC	Ambulatory Payment Classifications
APD	Advanced Planning Documents
APIC	ADAP Plus Insurance Continuation
APS	Adult Protective Services
APTC	Advance Premium Tax Credit
APTD	Aid to the Permanently & Totally Disabled
AQL	Acceptable Quality Level
A/R	Applicant and/or Recipient
ARC	American Red Cross
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (of 2009)
ASA	American Society on Aging
ASC	Ambulatory Surgical Center
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
AWV	Annual Wellness Visit
BAE	Best Available Evidence (Part D)
BBA	Balanced Budget Act (of 1997)
BBRA	Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999
BCBS	Blue Cross/Blue Shield
BCF	Benefit Correction Form
BCRC	Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center
BDOD	Beneficiary Date of Death
BFCC-QIO	Beneficiary & Family Centered Care Quality Improvement Organization
BHI	Bureau of Health Insurance
BHP	Basic Health Program
BI	Buy In
BIC	Beneficiary Identification Code
BIPA	Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (of 2000)
BMI	Body Mass Index

BNI	Beneficiary Notices Initiative
BP	Benefit Period
BSS	Beneficiary Satisfaction Survey
CA	Cancer
CAC	Certified Application Counselor (Marketplace)
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAHPS	Consumer Assessments of Healthcare Provider and Systems
CAP	Competitive Acquisition Plan
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CARC	Claim Adjustment Reason Code
CARES	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CBA	Competitive Bidding Area
CBLTCS	Community Based Long-Term Care Services
CBO	Community-Based Organization
CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CCIP	Chronic Care Improvement Programs
CCP	Coordinated Care Plan
CCRC	Continuing Care Retirement Community
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CDOC	Covered Days of Care
CDPAP	Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program
CDPAS	Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services
CE	Covered Entity
CFPB	Consumer Finance Protection Bureau
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (now known as TRICARE)
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs
CHC	Community Health Center
CHHA	Certified Home Health Agency

CHIP	Child Health Insurance Program or Catastrophic Health Care Program
CHO	Community Health Organization
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CMN	Certificate of Medical Necessity
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CN	Claim Number (also C/N)
CNA	Certified Nursing Assistant
COA	Change of Address
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COBA	Coordination of Benefits Agreement
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (of 1985)
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
CORF	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPD	Competitive Pricing Demonstration
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPM	Claims Processing Manual
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
CSR	Cost Sharing Reduction
CSR(s)	Customer Service Representatives
CSRA	Community Spouse Resource Allowance
CSW	Clinical Social Worker
CTM	Complaint Tracking Module (Medicare Part D)
CVD	Cardiovascular Disease
CY	Calendar Year
DA&A	Drug Addiction and Alcoholism
DAB	Department of Appeals Board
DAB	Disabled, Aged, Blind

DATAMED	Medicaid Quality Control System
DB	Direct Billing
DBA	Daily Benefit Amount
DC	Discharge
DCF	Dually Certified Facility
DCN	Document Control Number
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DEERS	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System
DESI	FDA's Drug Efficacy Study Implementation
DFS	Department of Financial Services (formerly NYS Insurance Department)
DHHS	Department of Health & Human Services (Federal)
DI	Disability Insurance
DIS	Disabled (Beneficiary)
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DME MAC	Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor
DME-POS	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies
DND	Detailed Notice of Discharge
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DOB	Date of Birth
DOC	Days of Care
DOD	Date of Death
DOI	Date of Incident
DOEH	Date of Entitlement to Hospital Insurance (Medicare Part A)
DOES	Date of Entitlement to Supplementary Medical Insurance (Part B)
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOL	Department of Labor
DOS	Date of Service
DRA	Deficit Reduction Act

DRG	Diagnosis Related Groups
DSMT	Diabetes Self-Management Training
D-SNP	Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan
DSRIP	Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program
DSS	Department of Social Services
DUR	Drug Utilization Review
DVA	Department of Veterans Affairs (see VA)
DWA	Disabled Working Aged
DWB	Disabled Widow's Benefits
DWI	Disabled & Working Individual (see QDWI)
DX	Diagnosis
E&O	Errors & Omissions (Liability Insurance)
EALR	Enhanced Assisted Living Residence
ECF	Extended Care Facility
ED	Emergency Department
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EGHP	Employer Group Health Plan
EH	Extra Help (Medicare Part D)
EHP	Enriched Housing Program
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EHRs	Electronic Health Records
EID	Earned Income Disregards
EIN	Employer Identification Number
EISEP	Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EOC	Episode of Care

EOC	Evidence of Coverage
EP	Enrollment Period
EPs	Essential Plans
EPIC	Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (NYS)
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act (of 1974)
ESI	Employer Sponsored Insurance
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease
F&A	Fraud & Abuse
FAD	Final Adverse Determination
FAQ	Frequently Asked Question
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBR	Federal Benefit Rate
FC	Final Claim
FCA	False Claims Act
FCHCO	Federal Coordinated Health Care Office
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
FE	Facilitated Enrollers
FEHB	Federal Employees Health Benefits (Program)
FERA	Federal Enforcement and Recovery Act (of 2009)
FFS	Fee-for-Service
FH	Fair Hearing
FHP	Family Health Plus
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FIDA	Fully Integrated Dual Advantage
FIDE	Fully Integrated Dual Eligible (plan)
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FRA	Full Retirement Age

FSA	Flexible Spending Account
FU	Follow-up
FY	Fiscal Year
FWA	Fraud, Waste and Abuse
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GEP	General Enrollment Period (Medicare Part B)
GHP	Group Health Plan
GI	General Inquiry
GIC	General Inpatient Care
GIS	General Information System
GPP	Group Premium Payor
HAC	Hospital Acquired Condition
HBP	Hospital Based Physician
HCBS	Home & Community Based Services
HCBWP	Home & Community Based Waiver Program
HCERA	Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (of 2010)
HCQIP	Health Care Quality Improvement Program
HCR	Health Care Reform
HEAT	Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Team
HEDIS	Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set
HH	Hold Harmless
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHABN	Home Health Advance Beneficiary Notice
HHQI	Home Health Quality Initiative
HHS	(Department of) Health & Human Services (also DHHS)
HHS	Home Health Services
HI	Hospital Insurance (Part A)
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number (replaced by MBI)
HIICAP	Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program

HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (of 1996)
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
HIX	Health Insurance Exchange
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HMO-POS	Health Maintenance Organization with a Point of Service Option
HRA	Health Reimbursement Account
HRA	Human Resources Administration
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HSA	Health Savings Account
IAD	Initial Adverse Determination
IADL	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
IAHO	Integrated Administrative Hearing Office
IBD	Initial Billing Date
ICAN	Independent Consumer Advocacy Network
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ICEP	Initial Coverage Election Period (Medicare Advantage)
ICF/DD	Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled
ICL	Initial Coverage Limit
ICT	Interdisciplinary Care Team
IEP	Initial Enrollment Period
IEQ	Initial Enrollment Questionnaire
IHS	Indian Health Service
IHSS	In-home Supportive Services
IM	Important Message from Medicare
IMA	Individual Medical Account
IMPACT	Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014
IPPE	Initial Preventive Physical Exam (aka Welcome to Medicare Preventive Visit)
IP/SNF	Inpatient SNF

IRB	Institution Review Board
IR&D	Independent Research & Development
IRA	Individual Retirement Account
IRE	Independent Review Entity
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IRMAA	Income-related Monthly Adjustment Amount
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
JCAHO	Joint Commission for Accreditation of Health Organizations
LCD	Local Coverage Determination
LCER	Limiting Charge Exception Rule
LDSS	Local Department of Social Services
LEP	Late Enrollment Penalty (Medicare Part B and Part D)
LGHP	Large Group Health Plan
LHCSA	Licensed Home Care Services Agency
LINET	Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition (Medicare Part D)
LIS	Low Income Subsidy (AKA Extra Help) (Medicare Part D)
LOS	Length of Stay
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LPR	Lawful Permanent Resident (“Green Card” Holder)
LRD	Lifetime Reserve Days
LTC	Long Term Care
LTCF	Long Term Care Facility
LTCI	Long Term Care Insurance
LCTM	Long Term Care Management
LTNHS	Long-term Nursing Home Stay
LTP	Lifetime Psychiatric Days
LTSS	Long Term Services and Supports
MA	Medicare Advantage
MAAC	Maximum Allowable Actual Charge

MAC	Medicare Appeals Council
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MADP	Medicare Advantage Disenrollment Period (Replaced with MA Open Enrollment Period)
MAGI	Modified Adjusted Gross Income
MAO	Medicare Advantage Organization
MAP	Medical Assistance Payment
MAP	Medicaid Advantage Plus
MAP	Medicare Advantage Plan
MAPD	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (Plan)
MARX	Medicare and Prescription Drug System
MBI	Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
MBI-WPD	Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities
MBN	Medicare Benefit Notice
MCCAP	Managed Care Consumer Assistance Program
MCI	Medicare Claims Inquiry
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MCP	Managed Care Plan
MCP	Monthly Capitation Payment
MCTP	Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program
MD	Doctor of Medicine
MEC	Minimum Essential Coverage
MEDIC	Medicare Prescription Drug Integrity Contractor
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
MHB	Maximum Hospital Benefit
MI	Medical Insurance (Part B or SMI)
MIPP	Medicare Insurance Premium Payment
MIPPA	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (of 2008)
MLR	Medical Loss Ratio
MLTC	(Medicaid) Managed Long Term Care

MLN	Medicare Learning Network
MLTCP	(Medicaid) Managed Long- Term Care Plan
MMA	Medicare Modernization Act
MMC	Medicaid Managed Care
MMDDCCYY	Two-digit Month/Day/Century Year (i.e., 02/26/2001)
MMDDYY	MonthMonth/DayDay/YearYear
MMG	Medicare Marketing Guidelines
MMLTC	Medicaid Managed Long-Term Care
MMMNA	Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance
MN	Medical Necessity
MNT	Medical Nutrition Therapy
MOON	Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice
MOOP	Maximum Out of Pocket (Medicare Advantage)
MOLST	Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPDIMA	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (2003)
MRC	Medicare Rights Center
MSA	Medicare Medical Savings Account
MS-DRG	Medical Severity Diagnostic Related Group
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice
MSP	Medicare Savings Programs
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer
MTMP	Medication Therapy Management Program
NAIC	National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NAMI	Net Available Monthly Income
NCD	National Coverage Determination
NCOA	National Change of Address (SSA & USPS)
NCOA	National Council on Aging
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance

NCQHC	National Committee for Quality Health Care
NDC	National Drug Code
NF	Nursing Facility
NGS	National Government Services
NH	Nursing Home
NHPCO	National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization
NHTDW	Nursing Home Transition & Diversion Waiver
NIA	National Institute on Aging
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NMFA	National Medicare Fraud Alert
NMEP	National Medicare Education Program
NOMNC	Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage
NON-PAR	Non-participating Provider
NOOH	Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing
NORC	Naturally Occurring Retirement Community
NORD	National Organization for Rare Disorders
NOTICE	Notice of Observation Treatment and Implications for Care Eligibility Act of 2015
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPR	National Performance Report
NTP	National Training Program/CMS
NYLAG	New York Legal Assistance Group
NYS	New York State
NYSADSA	NYS Adult Day Services Association
NYS DOH	New York State Department of Health
NYSHIP	New York State Health Insurance Plan
NYSOFA	New York State Office for the Aging
NYSoH	New York State of Health
NYS OVS	New York State Office Victim Services
NYSPLTC	New York State Partnership for Long-Term Care

OAA	Older Americans Act (of 1965)
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OEI	Office of Evaluations and Inspections
OEP	Open Enrollment Period
OFA	Office for the Aging
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OMB	(HHS) Office of Management & Budget
OMH	Office of Mental Health
OMHA	Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals
OMRDD	Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
OON	Out of Network
OOP	Out Of Pocket
OP	Outpatient
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OPWDD	Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities
ORF	Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
OT	Occupational Therapy
OTC	Over the Counter
OTDA	Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
PA	Prior Authorization
PACE	Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PAP	Patients Assistance Program
PBP	Plan Benefit Package
PCA	Personal Care Aide
PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home
PCH	Primary Care Hospital
PCP	Primary Care Physician (or Provider)
PCS	Personal Care Services

PDN	Private Duty Nursing
PDOTH	Prior Date of Termination of Hospital Insurance
PDP	Prescription Drug Plan (Part D)
PEBS	Personal Earnings & Benefit (PEBES) Statement
PEN	Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition
PERS	Personal Emergency Response System
PFFS	Private Fee-For-Service
PHI	Personal Health Information (aka Protected Health Information)
PHR	Personal Health Record
PhRMA	Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PMD	Power Mobility Device
POA	Power of Attorney
POC	Plan of Care
POS	Point of Service
PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (of 2010)
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PPS	Prospective Payment System
POMS	(Social Security's) Program Operations Manual System
PRO	Professional Review Organization
PRUCOL	Permanently Residing Under Color of Law
PSA	Prostate-Specific Antigen
PT	Physical Therapy
PWD	Persons With Disabilities
Q&A	Questions & Answers
QC	Quarter of Coverage
QDWI	Qualified Disabled & Working Individual
QHP	Qualified Health Plan

QI	Qualifying Individual
QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor
QIES	Quality Improvement Evaluation System
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QL	Quantity Limits (Medicare Part D)
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
RA	Risk Assessment
RBS	Report of Benefit Savings
RDF	Renal Dialysis Facility
RFAI	Request for Additional Information
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RHCF	Residential Health Care Facility
RMD	Regular Minimum Distributions
RN	Registered Nurse
RNHCI	Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institution
RPPO	Regional Preferred Provider Organization
RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
Rx BIN	Prescription Benefit Identification Number
SADC	Social Adult Day Care
SCHIP	State Child Health Insurance Program
SEP	Special Enrollment Period
SGA	Substantial Gainful Activity
SHI	Supplemental Health Insurance
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program (NY State HIICAP)
SHOP	Small Business Health Insurance Options Program
SIRS	SMP Information and Reporting System
SLP	Speech and Language Pathology
SMI	Supplementary Medical Insurance (Medicare Part B)
SMP	Senior Medicare Patrol (Fraud and Abuse)

SNALR	Special Needs Assisted Living Residence
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SNF ABN	Skilled Nursing Facility Advance Beneficiary Notice
SNP	Special Needs Plan
SNT	Supplemental Needs Trust
SPAP	State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (EPIC in NY State)
SPIN	Supplier Profile Identification Number
SS	Social Security
SSA	Social Security Act (1935)
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSANY	State Society on Aging of New York
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSN	Social Security Number
ST	Speech Therapy
ST	Step Therapy (Medicare Part D)
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TB	Tuberculosis
TBD	To be Determined
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TCU	Transitional Care Unit
TDD	Telecommunications Device for the Deaf
TDOC	Total Days of Care
TFL	TRICARE for Life
TH	Teaching Hospital
THD	Total Hospice Days
TPA	Third Party Administrator

TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
TrOOP	True Out-of-Pocket Costs (Part D)
TTY	Text Telephones
TWWIA	Ticket to Work & Work Incentives Act (of 1999)
UCR	Usual, Customary, and Reasonable
UPIN	Uniform Physician Identification Number
UR	Utilization Review
URC	Utilization Review Committee
VA	Veterans Affairs
VIP	Voucher Insurance Plan
WC	Workers' Compensation
WHO	World Health Organization
WIP	Work In Progress
WPA	Whistleblower Protection Act
YOB	Year of Birth
YR	Year
YTD	Year-To-Date
ZIP+4	Nine-digit ZIP Code Plan (##### - #####)