

# ACRONYMS & INITIALISMS



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ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION
AAAASF	American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities
AAHC	Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care
AABB	American Association of Blood Banks
AADA	American Academy of Dermatology Association
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACC	Ambulatory Care Center
ACH	Acute Care Hospital
ACHC	Accreditation Commission for Health Care
ACO	ASPEN Central Office
ACTS	ASPEN Complaints/Incidents Tracking System
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AEM	ASPEN Enforcement Manager
AGNS	AT&T Global Network Services
AHFSA	Association of Health Facility Survey Agencies
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
AO	Accrediting Organization
AOA	American Osteopathic Association
AQAS	Alternate Quality Assessment Survey
ARA	Assistant Regional Administrator, Associate Regional Administrator
ARO	ASPEN Regional Office
ARS	Acceptable Risk Safeguards
ASAP	Assessment Submission and Processing
ASC	Ambulatory Surgical Center
ASCP	American Society for Clinical Pathology
ASE	ASPEN Survey Explorer
ASHE	American Society for Healthcare Engineering
ASHI	American Safety & Health Institute
ASPEN	Automated Survey Processing Environment
ASSP	Associated Specialties
ASSURE	Accrediting Organization System for Storing User Recorded Experiences
AST	ASPEN Scheduling & Tracking
ATG	Alpine Technology Group
BLSC	Basic Life Safety Code (training)
BLTCC	Basic Long Term Care Course
C&T	Certification & Transmittal (HCFA-1539)
C.N.A or CNA	Certified Nursing Assistant
CAA	CMS Access Administrator (formerly RGA)
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAP	College of American Pathologists



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CARF	CMS Analysis and Reconstruction Framework
CASPER	Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (may be changed)
CBER	Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research
CBRF	Community-Based Residential Facility
CBSA	Core Based Statistical Area
CBT	Computer-based Training
CCN	CMS Certification Number
CCQS	Centers for Clinical Standards and Quality
CCRC	Continuing Care Retirement Community
CDE	Crucial Data Extract
CDER	Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
CE	Critical Element Pathway
CES	Chicago Enforcement System
CfC	Condition for Coverage
CFR	Code of Federal Regulation
CHAP	Community Health Accreditation Program
CHOW	Change of Ownership
CIHQ	Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality
CLAS	Culturally and linguistically appropriate services
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments
CLIA 116	Application for Certification Form CMS-116
CLIAC	Clinical Laboratory Advisory Committee
CLS	Clinical Laboratory Scientist OR Clinical Laboratory Supervisor
CMHC	Community Mental Health Centers
CMP	Civil Monetary Penalty, Civil Money Penalty
CMPTS	Civil Monetary Penalty Tracking System
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CMS 1557	Survey Report Form (CLIA) FORM CMS-1557
CMSO	Center for Medicaid and State Operations
CMSR	CMS Minimum Security Requirements
CNA	Certified Nursing Assistant
CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife
CNP	Certified Nurse Practitioner
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
CO	Central Office
COA	Council On Accreditation
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985
COLA	Commission on Office and Laboratory Accreditation
COMP	Complaints
COPs or CoPs	Conditions of Participation; COP is preferred for CLIA documentation
CORF	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
COW	Certificate of Waiver (CLIA subtype)
CSP-INT	CASPER Intake
CSP-INV	CASPER Investigation



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CSP-SRV	CASPER Survey
CWF	Common Working File (Medicare Billing)
DAB	Departmental Appeals Board
DAR	Desk Audit Reports
DC	Dually Certified
DCCA	Data Computer Corporation of America
DD	Developmentally Disabled
DFR	Dialysis Facility Report
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
DMS	Division of Medical Services, Disposable Medical Supplies
DNV	Det Norske Veritas - An accrediting organization
DOC	Date of Correction
DOJ	Department of Justice
DON	Director of Nursing
DOQSAS	Division of Quality Systems for Assessments & Surveys
DoPNA or DPNA	Denial of Payment for New Admissions
DP	Distinct Part
DPOC	Directed Plan of Correction
DPU	Distinct Part Unit
DSI	Division of Safety Inspection (Pennsylvania)
DUA	Data Use Agreement
EA	Expected Clinical Assessment
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EIN	Employer Identification Number, also known as Federal Tax Identification Number
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Transport & Labor Act
ePOC	Electronic Plan of Correction
EQC	Equivalent Quality Control
ERS	Event Reporting System (Pennsylvania)
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease
EUA	Enterprise User Administration
EV	Expected Value
FDD	Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled
FFHC	Federally Funded Health Center
FFP	Federal Financial Participation
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards
FISMA	Federal Information Security Management Act
FISS	Fiscal Intermediary Shared System
FMS	Federal Monitoring Survey
FN	False Negative



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FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FOSS	Federal Oversight Support Survey
FP	False Positive
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Centers
FSBG	Finance, Systems and Budget Group, finger-stick blood glucose
FSES	Fire Safety Evaluation System
FSP	Former Specified Patient
GAO	General Accounting Office
HAC	Hospital-acquired Conditions
HAIs	Healthcare Associated Infections
HAVEN	Home Assessment Validation and Entry System
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HCQIS	Health Care Quality Information System(s)
HCSIS	Home and Community Services Information System (PA)
HFIS	Health Facilities Information System (NY)
HFMF	Health Facilities Master File (NY)
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHRG	Home Health Research Group
HHS	Health & Human Services
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIPDB	Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank
HOPD	Hospital Outpatient Department
HOS	Hospice
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICF/IID	Intermediate Care Facility/Individuals with Intellectual Disability (plural is ICFs/IID)
IIDR	Independent Informal Dispute Resolution
IDR	Informal Dispute Resolution
IFMC	Iowa Foundation for Medical Care
IJ	Immediate Jeopardy
IL&SC	Individual Learning & Support Center
IME	Indirect medical education
IMQ	Institute for Medical Quality
IPAC	Intra-governmental Payment and Collection System
IQCP	Individualized Quality Control Plan (for CLIA labs)
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IRF-PAI	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument
ISN	Intensive Skilled Nursing
JAD	Joint Application Development
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of HealthCare Organizations
JV	Journal Voucher (accounting)
KECC	Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center



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LA	Laboratory Expected Clinical Assessment
LMS	Learning Management System (generic) aka HHS Learning Portal
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LSC	Life Safety Code
LTC	Long Term Care
LTCH	Long Term Care Hospital
MAC	Medical Advisory Council, Medical Administrative Contractor
MDCN	Medicare Data Communications Network
MDPNA	Mandatory Denial of Payment for New Admissions
MDS	Minimum Data Set
MDS – PAC	Minimum Data Set Post Acute Care
MH	Mental Health
MIPPA	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act
MPAF	Medicare PPS Assessment Form
MPD	Mission & Priority Document
MSA	Medicaid State Agency, Metropolitan Statistical Area (for PPS)
MT	Massage Therapist OR Massage Therapy
MTF	Military Treatment Facility
NA	Nursing Aide
NACD	National Assessment Collection Database
NATCEP	Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program
NCA	National Credentialing Agency (for laboratory personnel)
NCCNHR	National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform
NCD	National Coverage Determination
NCF	Nursing Care Facility (Pennsylvania)
NF	Nursing Facility
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NH	Nursing Home
NHI	Nursing Home Initiative
NPI	National Provider Identifier
OASIS	Outcome and Assessment Information Set
OBQI	Outcome Based Quality Indicators
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987
OCCEB	OASIS Certificate & Competency Board
OCM	Oracle Configuration Manager
OCSQ	Office of Clinical Standards and Quality (CMS and/or CLIA)
ODIE	Online Data Input and Editing
OEC	OASIS Educational Coordinator
OFM	Office of Financial Management
OGC	Office of General Counsel
OIRR	Observation, Interview & Record Review
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OMR	Office of Medical Review



ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION
OOM	Office of Operations Management
OOT	Outpatient Occupational Therapy
OPO	Organ Procurement Organization
OPT	Outpatient Physical Therapy
OPTN	Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network
ORD	Office of Research and Demonstrations (CLIA)
ORT	Operation Restore Trust
OSCAR	Online Survey Certification and Reporting
OSP	Outpatient Speech Pathologist
OTC	Opportunity to Correct
OTIP	Outpatient Therapist in Independent Practice
P&A	State Protection & Advocacy agency
PACE	Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly
PDM	Physical Data Model
PDQ	Providing Data Quickly
PECOS	Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (Form 865?)
PHI	Protected Health Information
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PNC	Past Non-Compliance
POC	Plan of Correction
POL	Physician Office Laboratory
PPM	Provider-Performed Microscopy
PPMP	Provider (formerly Physician) Performed Microscopy Procedures (CLIA subtype)
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PRO	Peer Review Organization (now QIO)
PRTF	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
PSA	Patient Safety Authority (PA)
PT	Proficiency Testing
PTO	Proficiency Testing Organization
QAEE (QAE&E)	Quality Assurance Efficiency & Effectiveness
QAPI	Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement
QCI	Quality of Care Indicator
QCLI	Quality of Care and Life Indicators
QI	Quality Indicator
QIES	Quality Improvement and Evaluation System
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QIS	Quality Indicator Survey process
QIS DCT	QIS Data Collection Tool
QIDP	Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional
QTSO	QIES Technical Support Office
QUIP	Quality Indicator Profile
QUMA	QIES User Maintenance Application
QW	QIES Workbench



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RA	Reported Clinical Assessment
RAI	Resident Assessment Instrument
RAP	Resident Assessment Protocol
RAVEN	Resident Assessment Validation and Entry System
RGA	RACF Group Administrator (now CAA)
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RHHI	Regional Home Health Intermediary
RMC	Rural Medical Center
RN	Registered Nurse
RNHCI	Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions (formerly Christian Science Sanatoria (Hospital Services))
RO	Regional Office
SA	State Agency or State Survey Agency
SAIS	State Agency Information System (PA)
SAP	(Systeme, Anwendungen, Produkte in der Datenverarbeitung – German for “Systems, Applications and Products in Data Processing”) A company from Germany that sells client-server business software. Pennsylvania uses its software for T&E accounting.
SAPR	State Agency Performance Review (CLIA)
SB	Swing Bed
SBO	Strategic Business Objectives
SCA	Single County Authority (PA)
SCG	Survey and Certification Group
SCMR	Survey and Certification Management Reporting
SET	Surveyor Employment and Training report
SFF	Special Focus Facility
SMA	State Medicaid Agency
SMQT	Surveyor Minimum Qualifications Test
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SNP	Special Needs Plan
SOD	Statement of Deficiencies
SOM	State Operations Manual
SoR	System of Records
SQC (preferred) or SQoC	Substandard Quality of Care
SPSS	State Performance Standards. System
SRF	Survey Report Form
SRTR	Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients
SS	Scope & Severity
SSN	Social Security Number
SSO	Strategic Systems Objectives
STAR	Surveyor Technical Assistant for Renal Disease
STC	State Training Coordinator
SWAT	Software Acceptance Testing
T18	Title XVIII - Medicare



ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION
T19	Title XIX - Medicaid
TA	Technical Assistance
TA	Total Activity
TEV	Travel Expense Voucher (Pennsylvania)
TIMS	Text Information Management System
TJC	The Joint Commission
TLA	Time-Limited Agreement
TMA	Transitional Medical Assistance
TN	True Negative
TP	True Positive
TRF	Transfusion-Related Fatality
UAT	User acceptance testing
UNOS	United Network for Organ Sharing
UR	Utilization Review
USPHS	U.S. Public Health Service
USTF	Uniformed Service Treatment Facilities
WCAG	Web Content Accessibility Guidelines
VA	Veterans' Administration