

ACRONYMS & INITIALISMS



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| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|--|
| AAAASF | American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities |
| AAAHHC | 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 |
| 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 |
| CARF | CMS Analysis and Reconstruction Framework |



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|--------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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) |
| CWF | Common Working File (Medicare Billing) |
| DAB | Departmental Appeals Board |
| DAR | Desk Audit Reports |
| DC | Dually Certified |
| DCCA | Data Computer Corporation of America |



| Abbreviation | Description |
|---------------|---|
| DD | Developmentally Disabled |
| 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 |
| DoPNA or DPNA | Denial of Payment for New Admissions |
| DP | Distinct Part |
| DPU | Distinct Part Unit |
| 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 | <i>Electronic</i> Plan of Correction |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| HAVEN | Home Assessment Validation and Entry System |
| HCFA | Health Care Financing Administration |
| HFIS | Health Facilities Information System (NY) |
| HFMF | Health Facilities Master File (NY) |
| HHA | Home Health Agency |



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|--------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| IPAC | Intra-governmental Payment and Collection System |
| 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 |
| LA | Laboratory Expected Clinical Assessment |
| 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 |
| MR | Mental Retardation |
| 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 |



| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|--|
| NCA | National Credentialing Agency (for laboratory personnel) |
| NCCNHR | National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform |
| NCD | National Coverage Determination |
| 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 |
| OCCB | OASIS Certificate & Competency Board |
| OCSQ | CLIA Office of Clinical Standards and Quality |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| PECOS | Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (Form 865?) |
| 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 |



| Abbreviation | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| PT | Proficiency Testing |
| PTO | Proficiency Testing Organization |
| QCI | Quality of Care Indicator |
| QCLI | Quality of Care and Life Indicators |
| QI | Quality Indicator |
| QIES | Quality Improvement and Evaluation |
| QIO | Quality Improvement Organization |
| QIS | Quality Indicator Survey process |
| QIS DCT | QIS Data Collection Tool |
| QMRP | Qualified Mental Retardation Professional |
| QTSO | QIES Technical Support Office |
| QUIP | Quality Indicator Profile |
| QW | QIES Workbench |
| 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 |
| SAPR | State Agency Performance Review (CLIA) |
| SB | Swing Bed |
| SBO | Strategic Business Objectives |
| SCMR | Survey and Certification Management Reporting |
| SET | Surveyor Employment and Training report |
| SFF | Special Focus Facilities |
| 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 |
| SRF | Survey Report Form |
| SRTR | Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients |
| SS | Scope & Severity |



| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|--|
| SSN | Social Security Number |
| SSO | Strategic Systems Objectives |
| STAR | Surveyor Technical Assistant for Renal Disease |
| STC | State Training Coordinator |
| T18 | Title XVIII - Medicare |
| T19 | Title XIX - Medicaid |
| TA | Technical Assistance |
| TA | Total Activity |
| 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 |
| VA | Veterans' Administration |