

**Acronyms and Abbreviations**

<b>AARP</b>	American Association of Retired Persons
<b>ABG</b>	Arterial Blood Gas
<b>ABN</b>	Advance Beneficiary Notice
<b>ACA</b>	Affordable Care Act
<b>ADMC</b>	Advance Determination of Medicare Coverage
<b>ADS</b>	Automated Development Letter
<b>ADR</b>	Additional Documentation Request
<b>ALJ</b>	Administrative Law Judge
<b>AMA</b>	American Medical Association
<b>ANSI</b>	American National Standard Institute
<b>ASCA</b>	Administrative Simplification Compliance Act
<b>AWP</b>	Average Wholesale Pricing
<b>BBA</b>	Balanced Budget Act
<b>BCRC</b>	Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center
<b>BIPA</b>	Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000
<b>CBA</b>	Competitive Bidding Area
<b>CBIC</b>	Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor
<b>CCN</b>	Claim Control Number
<b>CEDI</b>	Common Electronic Data Interchange
<b>CERT</b>	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations
<b>CMN</b>	Certificate of Medical Necessity
<b>CMR</b>	Comprehensive Medical Review
<b>CMS</b>	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

<b>CNS</b>	Clinical Nurse Specialist
<b>COB</b>	Coordination of Benefits
<b>CPAP</b>	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
<b>CPI</b>	Consumer Price Index
<b>CSI</b>	Claim Status Inquiry
<b>CSR</b>	Customer Service Representative
<b>CSS</b>	Chronic Stable State
<b>CWF</b>	Common Working File
<b>DCN</b>	Document Control Number
<b>DHHS</b>	Department of Health and Human Services
<b>DIF</b>	DME MAC Information Form
<b>DME</b>	Durable Medical Equipment
<b>DME MAC</b>	Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor
<b>DMEPOS</b>	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
<b>DO</b>	Doctor of Osteopathy
<b>DOJ</b>	Department of Justice
<b>DOS</b>	Date of Service
<b>DPM</b>	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
<b>DRA</b>	Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
<b>DWO</b>	Detailed Written Order
<b>DWOPD</b>	Detailed Written Order Prior to Delivery
<b>EDI</b>	Electronic Data Interchange
<b>EFT</b>	Electronic Funds Transfer
<b>e.g.</b>	For example
<b>EGHP</b>	Employer Group Health Plan
<b>EIN</b>	Employer Identification Number
<b>EMC</b>	Electronic Media Claims

<b>EOB</b>	Explanation of Benefits
<b>EOMB</b>	Explanation of Medicare Benefits
<b>ERL</b>	Electronic Receipt Listing
<b>ERA</b>	Electronic Remittance Advice
<b>esMD</b>	Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation
<b>ESRD</b>	End Stage Renal Disease
<b>FCN</b>	Financial Control Number
<b>FDA</b>	Food and Drug Administration
<b>Fed Reg</b>	Federal Register
<b>FFS</b>	Fee-for-Service
<b>FOIA</b>	Freedom of Information Act
<b>FTF</b>	Face To Face
<b>GHP</b>	Group Health Plan
<b>HCPCS</b>	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
<b>HHA</b>	Home Health Agency
<b>HHS</b>	Health and Human Services
<b>HICN</b>	Health Insurance Claim Number
<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
<b>HME</b>	Home Medical Equipment
<b>HMO</b>	Health Maintenance Organization
<b>HO</b>	Hearing Officer
<b>IIC</b>	Inflation-Indexed Charge
<b>IOL</b>	Intraocular lens
<b>IPPB</b>	Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing
<b>IRP</b>	Inexpensive or Other Routinely Purchased
<b>IV</b>	Intravenous
<b>IVR</b>	Interactive Voice Response
<b>LCD</b>	Local Coverage Determination
<b>LCL</b>	Lowest Charge Level

<b>LGHP</b>	Large Group Health Plan
<b>LSO</b>	Lumbar Sacral Orthosis
<b>MAC</b>	Medicare Administrative Contractor
<b>MBI</b>	Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
<b>MD</b>	Medical Director
<b>MEDPARD</b>	Medicare Participating Suppliers Directory
<b>MHO</b>	Medicare Hearing Officer
<b>MMA</b>	Medicare Modernization Act (of 1999)
<b>MS</b>	Maintenance and Servicing
<b>MSE</b>	Metropolitan Statistical Area
<b>MSN</b>	Medicare Summary Notice
<b>MSP</b>	Medicare Secondary Payer
<b>NCD</b>	National Coverage Determination
<b>NDC</b>	National Drug Code
<b>NOC</b>	Not Otherwise Classified
<b>NP</b>	Nurse Practitioner
<b>NPI</b>	National Provider Identifier
<b>NPPEs</b>	National Plan and Provider Enumeration System
<b>NSC</b>	National Supplier Clearinghouse
<b>NSF</b>	National Standard Format
<b>OBRA</b>	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
<b>OCNA</b>	Other Carrier Name/Address
<b>OIG</b>	Office of the Inspector General
<b>OMB</b>	Office of Management and Budget
<b>OMHA</b>	Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals
<b>PA</b>	Policy Article, also Physician Assistance
<b>PAR</b>	Prior Authorization Request
<b>PCA</b>	Progressive Corrective Action

<b>PDAC</b>	Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding
<b>PIM</b>	Program Integrity Manual
<b>PM</b>	Program Memorandum
<b>PMD</b>	Power Mobility Device
<b>POD</b>	Proof of Delivery
<b>POE</b>	Provider Outreach and Education
<b>PPS</b>	Payment Prospective System
<b>PSC</b>	Program Safeguard Contractor
<b>PTAN</b>	Provider Transaction Access Number
<b>PWK</b>	Paperwork
<b>QIC</b>	Qualified Independent Contractor
<b>RA</b>	Remittance Advice
<b>RAC (or RA)</b>	Recovery Audit Contractor (now called Recovery Auditor)
<b>RESNA</b>	Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America
<b>RRB</b>	Railroad Retirement Board
<b>SACU</b>	Supplier Audit and Compliance Unit
<b>SLM</b>	Seat Lift Mechanism
<b>SMRC</b>	Supplemental Medical Review Contractor
<b>SNF</b>	Skilled Nursing Facility
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>TENS</b>	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulator
<b>TIN</b>	Tax Identification Number
<b>TLSO</b>	Thoracic-Lumbar-Sacral Orthosis
<b>UMWA</b>	United Mine Workers Association
<b>UPIC</b>	Unified Program Integrity Contractors
<b>UPIN</b>	Unique Physicians Identification Number
<b>USC</b>	United States Code

<b>VA</b>	Veteran's Administration
<b>WC</b>	Workers' Compensation
<b>WOPD</b>	Written Order Prior to Delivery
<b>ZPIC</b>	Zone Program Integrity Contractor