

## COMMONLY USED MEDICARE ACRONYMS

<b>A</b>	Assigned (claim)	<b>CNM</b>	Certified Nurse Midwife
<b>AARP</b>	American Association of Retired Persons	<b>CNMW</b>	Certified Nurse Midwife
<b>ABN</b>	Advance Beneficiary Notice	<b>CNS</b>	Certified Nurse Specialist
<b>ADA</b>	American Dental Association; or American Diabetes Association	<b>CO</b>	Central Office (CMS, in Baltimore, MD)
<b>ALJ</b>	Administrative Law Judge	<b>COB</b>	Coordination of Benefits
<b>AMA</b>	American Medical Association	<b>COBC</b>	Coordination of Benefits Contractor
<b>ANSI</b>	American National Standards Institute	<b>COBRA</b>	Consolidation Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986
<b>ARA</b>	Associate Regional Administrator	<b>CORF</b>	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
<b>ASA</b>	American Society of Anesthesiologists	<b>CP</b>	Clinical Psychologist
<b>ASC</b>	Ambulatory Surgical Center	<b>CPO</b>	Care Plan Oversight
<b>AWP</b>	Average Wholesale Price	<b>CPT</b>	Current Procedural Terminology (5-digit codes, all numeric; Coding manual published yearly by the AMA)
<b>BBA</b>	Balanced Budget Act (of 1997)	<b>CR</b>	Change Request
<b>BBRA</b>	Balanced Budget Refinement Act (of 1999)	<b>CRD</b>	Chronic Renal Disease
<b>BIC</b>	Beneficiary Identification Code (the suffix following the Social Security Number on a Medicare Card)	<b>CRNA</b>	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
<b>BL</b>	Black Lung (Coal Miners)	<b>CSW</b>	Clinical Social Worker
<b>BNA</b>	Bureau of National Affairs	<b>CWAG</b>	Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Group
<b>CAC</b>	Carrier Advisory Committee	<b>CWF</b>	Common Working File (Medicare Part A and Part B claims history and entitlement information database)
<b>CAH</b>	Critical Access Hospital	<b>DC</b>	Doctor of Chiropractic
<b>CCI</b>	Correct Coding Initiative	<b>DDS</b>	Doctor of Dental Surgery
<b>CCN</b>	Correspondence Control Number	<b>DEFRA</b>	Deficit Reduction Act of 1984
<b>CDE</b>	Certified Diabetic Educators	<b>DHHS</b>	Department of Health & Human Services
<b>CERT</b>	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing	<b>DHSQ</b>	Division of Health Standards and Quality
<b>CF</b>	Conversion Factor	<b>DMD</b>	Doctor of Medical Dentistry
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations	<b>DME</b>	Durable Medical Equipment
<b>CHAM-PUS</b>	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services	<b>DMEPOS</b>	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
<b>CIM</b>	Coverage Issues Manual	<b>DMERC</b>	Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (Claims are processed by AdminaStar Federal, Inc.)
<b>CLIA</b>	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (If you perform clinical lab tests in your office, you need a CLIA number)	<b>DO</b>	Doctor of Osteopathy
<b>CMD</b>	Contractor Medical Director	<b>DOB</b>	Date of Birth
<b>CMHC</b>	Community Mental Health Center	<b>DOL</b>	Department of Labor (Federal Agency)
<b>CMN</b>	Certificate of Medical Necessity	<b>DOS</b>	Date of Service
<b>CMP</b>	Civil Monetary Penalty	<b>DP</b>	Doctor of Podiatry
<b>CMPL</b>	Civil Monetary Penalty Law	<b>DPM</b>	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
<b>CMR</b>	Comprehensive Medical Review	<b>DRG</b>	Diagnostic Related Grouping
<b>CMS</b>	The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (formerly known as HCFA, the Health Care Financing Administration)		

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<b>DSC</b>	Doctor of Surgical Chiropody	<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
<b>DSP</b>	Doctor of Surgical Podiatry	<b>HME</b>	Home Medical Equipment
<b>DX</b>	Diagnosis/Diagnoses	<b>HMO</b>	Health Maintenance Organization
<b>ECF</b>	Extended Care Facility	<b>HO</b>	Hearing Officer
<b>EDI</b>	Electronic Data Interchange	<b>HPSA</b>	Health Professional Shortage Area
<b>EEG</b>	Electroencephalogram	<b>HRSA</b>	Health Resources Services Administration
<b>EFT</b>	Electronic Funds Transfer	<b>ICD-9-CM</b>	Internal Classification of Diseases-9 <sup>th</sup> Edition-Coding Manual (three-, four-, or five-digit codes based on specificity)
<b>EGHP</b>	Employer Group Health Plan	<b>ICN</b>	Internal Control Number
<b>EIN</b>	Employer Identification Number (Tax ID/SSN)	<b>ICU</b>	Intensive Care Unit
<b>EKG</b>	Electrocardiogram	<b>IDTF</b>	Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility
<b>E/M</b>	Evaluation and Management (visit)	<b>IIC</b>	Inflation Index Charge-Customary
<b>EMC</b>	Electronic Media Claims	<b>IIP</b>	Inflation Index Charge-Prevailing
<b>EOB</b>	Explanation of Benefits	<b>IL</b>	Independent Laboratory
<b>EPO</b>	Epoetin Alfa	<b>IOM</b>	Internet-Only Manual
<b>ERA</b>	Electronic Remittance Advice	<b>IP</b>	Independent Psychologist
<b>ERN</b>	Electronic Remittance Notice	<b>IPL</b>	Independent Psychological Laboratory
<b>ESRD</b>	End Stage Renal Disease	<b>IRP</b>	Incentive Rewards Program
<b>F&amp;A</b>	Fraud and Abuse	<b>IVR</b>	Integrated Voice Response System
<b>FCA</b>	Full Claim Adjustment; or False Claim Act	<b>LCER</b>	Limiting Charge Exception Report
<b>FCN</b>	Financial Control Number	<b>LFS</b>	Laboratory Fee Schedule
<b>FDA</b>	Food and Drug Administration	<b>LLP</b>	Limited License Practitioner
<b>FI</b>	Fiscal Intermediary	<b>LMRP</b>	Local Medical Review Policy
<b>FO</b>	Field Office	<b>LVP</b>	Licensed Vocational Nurse
<b>FOI</b>	Freedom of Information	<b>MCM</b>	Medicare Carriers Manual
<b>FOIA</b>	Freedom of Information Act	<b>MCS</b>	Multi Carrier System (processing system for Medicare Part B)
<b>FR</b>	Federal Register	<b>MD</b>	Medical Doctor
<b>FTE</b>	Full Time Equivalency; or Full Time Employee	<b>MEI</b>	Medicare Economic Index
<b>FY</b>	Fiscal Year	<b>MED-PARD</b>	Medicare Participating Physician/Supplier Directory
<b>GAO</b>	General Accounting Office; or Government Accountability Office	<b>MIM</b>	Medicare Intermediary Manual (Part A)
<b>GPCI</b>	Geographic Practice Cost Index	<b>MIP</b>	Medicare Integrity Program
<b>HBP</b>	Hospital Based Physician	<b>MMA</b>	Medicare Modernization Act
<b>HCFA</b>	Health Care Financing Administration (now CMS)	<b>MPFSDB</b>	Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database
<b>HCPCS</b>	Health Care Procedure Coding System (5-digit, alpha-numeric procedure code)	<b>MR</b>	Medical Review
<b>HHA</b>	Home Health Agency	<b>MR/UR</b>	Medical Review/Utilization Review
<b>HHS</b>	Health & Human Services (CMS is a branch of)	<b>MSN</b>	Medicare Summary Notice
<b>HI</b>	Hospital Insurance	<b>MSP</b>	Medicare Secondary Payer
<b>HIC</b>	Health Insurance Claim (Number)		
<b>HIMR</b>	Health Insurance Master Record		

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<b>MSO</b>	Management Service Organization	<b>PC</b>	Professional Component
<b>NA</b>	Non-assigned (claim)	<b>PCA</b>	Progressive Corrective Action
<b>NCD</b>	National Coverage Decision	<b>PCOM</b>	Provider Communication Advisory Group
<b>NCP</b>	National Coverage Provision	<b>PDT</b>	Purchased Diagnostic Test
<b>NDAB</b>	National Diabetes Advisory Board	<b>PECOS</b>	Provider Enrollment Chain and Ownership System
<b>NDC</b>	National Drug Code	<b>PET</b>	Provider Education and Training
<b>NETT</b>	National Emphysema Treatment Trials	<b>PHC</b>	Public Health Clinic
<b>NH</b>	Nursing Home	<b>PHSA</b>	Public Health Service Act
<b>NMW</b>	Nurse Midwife	<b>PI</b>	Program Integrity
<b>NOC</b>	Not Otherwise Classified Code (Anytime you use an NOC code on your Medicare claim, you must provide a detailed description of the service provided)	<b>PIM</b>	Program Integrity Manual
<b>NON-PAR</b>	Non-Participating Provider	<b>PIMR</b>	Program Integrity Management Reporting System
<b>NOS</b>	Number of Service(s)	<b>PIN</b>	Physician Identifier Number
<b>NP</b>	Nurse Practitioner	<b>PM</b>	Program Memorandum
<b>NPI</b>	National Provider Identifier (Will eventually replace all current Medicare provider numbers and UPINS)	<b>POS</b>	Place of Service or Point of Service Option (for an HMO)
<b>NPP</b>	Non-Physician Practitioner	<b>PPO</b>	Preferred Provider Organization
<b>NPRM</b>	Notices of Proposed Rule Making	<b>PPR</b>	Physician Payment Reform
<b>NSC</b>	National Supplier Clearinghouse	<b>PPS</b>	Prospective Payment System
<b>NSF</b>	National Standard Format	<b>PPV</b>	Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccine
<b>OAS</b>	Office of Audit Services	<b>PRN</b>	Provider Remittance Notice
<b>OBRA</b>	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act	<b>PRO</b>	Peer Review Organization
<b>OCFAA</b>	Office of Civil Fraud and Administration Adjudication	<b>PSC</b>	Program Safeguard Contractor
<b>OCR</b>	Optical Claim Recognition	<b>PT</b>	Physical Therapy; Physical Therapist; or Patient
<b>OD</b>	Doctor of Optometry	<b>QA</b>	Quality Assurance
<b>OI</b>	Office of Investigations	<b>QIO</b>	Quality Improvement Organization
<b>OIFO</b>	Office of Investigations Field Office	<b>RA</b>	Remittance Advice
<b>OIG</b>	Office of Inspector General	<b>RBRVU</b>	Resource Based Relative Value Unit
<b>OMB</b>	Office of Management & Budget	<b>RC</b>	Reasonable Charge
<b>O/P</b>	Overpayment	<b>REP</b>	Representative Payee
<b>OPPS</b>	Outpatient Prospective Payment System	<b>PAYEE</b>	
<b>ORF</b>	Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities	<b>RHC</b>	Rural Health Clinic
<b>OSCAR</b>	Online Survey, Certification and Reporting (OSCAR System)	<b>RHHI</b>	Regional Home Health Intermediary
<b>OT</b>	Occupational Therapist	<b>RN</b>	Registered Nurse
<b>OV</b>	Office Visit	<b>RO</b>	Regional Office (CMS)
<b>PA</b>	Physician Assistant	<b>ROS</b>	Review of Systems
<b>PAR</b>	Participating (physician)	<b>RPT</b>	Registered Physical Therapist
<b>PAYER-ID</b>	Payer Identification (Number)	<b>RRB</b>	Railroad Retirement Board
		<b>RVU</b>	Relative Value Unit
		<b>RX</b>	Prescription
		<b>SDP</b>	Single Drug Pricer
		<b>SHIP</b>	Senior Health Insurance Program; or State Health Insurance Assistance Program

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<b>SMI</b>	Supplemental Medical Insurance
<b>SNAP</b>	Secure Net Access Portal
<b>SNF</b>	Skilled Nursing Facility
<b>SOS</b>	Site of Service
<b>SPEC</b>	(Provider) Specialty
<b>SPR</b>	Standard Paper Remittance
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>SSI</b>	Supplemental Security Income
<b>SSN</b>	Social Security Number
<b>TAN</b>	Treatment Authorization Number
<b>TC</b>	Technical Component
<b>TEFRA</b>	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (of 1983)
<b>TIN</b>	Taxpayer Identification Number

<b>TMJ</b>	Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction
<b>TOS</b>	Type of Service
<b>UPIN</b>	Unique Physician Identification Number
<b>UR</b>	Utilization Review
<b>USC</b>	United States Code
<b>VA</b>	Veterans Administration
<b>WC</b>	Worker's Compensation
<b>WMS</b>	Wisconsin Medical Society
<b>WPS</b>	Wisconsin Physicians Service (Medicare carrier for Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota)
<b>YTD</b>	Year-to-Date