

ACRONYM GUIDE

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| AAAHC | Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care |
| AAFF | American Academy of Family Physicians |
| AAGP | American Society for Geriatric Psychiatry |
| AAHAM | American Association for Healthcare Administrative Management |
| AAHC | American Association of Healthcare Consultants |
| AAHP | American Association of Health Plans |
| AAIHDS | American Association of Integrated Healthcare Delivery Systems |
| AAMA | American Academy of Medical Administrators OR American Association of Medical Assistants |
| AAMB | American Association of Medical Billers |
| AAMT | American Association of Medical Transcription |
| AAPC | American Academy of Professional Coders |
| AAPCC | Adjusted Average Per Capita Cost |
| AARP | American Association of Retired Persons |
| ABC | Activity-Based Costing OR America's Blood Centers |
| ABM | Activity-Based Management |
| ACHCA | American College of Health Care Administrators |
| ACHE | American College of Healthcare Executives |
| ACHP | Alliance of Community Health Plans |
| ACLM | American College of Legal Medicine |
| ACMQ | American College of Medical Quality |
| ACMSD | American College of Medical Staff Development |
| ACPE | American College of Physician Executives |
| ACR | Adjusted Community Rate |
| ADC | Average Daily Census |
| ADL | Activities for Daily Living |
| AFDC/ADC | Aid to Families with Dependent Children |
| AG | Attorney General |
| AHA | American Hospital Association |
| AHCA | American Health Care Association |
| AHEC | Area Health Education Center |
| AHIA | Association of Healthcare Internal Auditors |
| AHIC | American Health Information Community |
| AHIMA | American Health Information Management Association |
| AHME | Association for Hospital Medical Education |
| AHP | Accountable Health Plan OR Association for Healthcare Philanthropy |
| AHRA | American Healthcare Radiology Administrators |
| AHRQ | Agency for Health Care Research and Policy |
| AHS | American Healthcare Systems |
| AIDS | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| ALFA | Assisted Living Federation of America |

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| ALOS | Average Length of Stay |
| AMA | American Medical Association |
| AMCRA | American Managed Care and Review Association |
| AMGA | American Medical Group Association |
| AMIA | American Medical Informatics Association |
| AMMRO | American Association of Medical Review Officers |
| ANA | American Nurses Association |
| AOA | American Osteopathic Association |
| AOHA | American Osteopathic Hospital Association |
| AONE | American Organization of Nurse Executives |
| APA | American Psychological Association |
| APC | Ambulatory Patient Classifications |
| APCC | Adjusted Per Capita Cost |
| APD | Adjusted Patient Day |
| APDRG | All Patient Diagnosis Related Groups |
| APG | Ambulatory Patient Group |
| APHA | American Public Health Association |
| APR | Adjusted Payment Rate |
| APIC | Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. |
| APN | Advanced Practice Nurse |
| APPT | Association of Private Practice Therapists |
| ASAE | American Society of Association Executives |
| ASC | Administrative Services Contract OR Ambulatory Surgical Center |
| ASDVS | American Society of Directors of Volunteer Services |
| ASHES | American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services |
| ASHP | American Society of Health System Pharmacists |
| ASLMC | American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics |
| ASO | Administrative Services Only |
| ASR | Age/Sex Rates |
| ATA | American Telemedicine Association |
| ATSP | Association of Telemedicine Service Providers |
| AWP | Average Wholesale Price |

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| BBA | Balanced Budget Act of 1997 |
| BCBS | Blue Cross Blue Shield |
| BSC | Balanced Scorecard |
| BSN | Bachelor of Science in Nursing |

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| CAT or CT | Computerized Axial Tomography |
| CAE | Certified Association Executive |
| CAH | Critical Access Hospital |
| CAP | Contract Administration Process |
| CARF | Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities |
| CBC | Citizens for Better Care |
| CBO | Congressional Budget Office |
| CCA | Cost-Consequence Analysis |

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| CCN | Community Care Network |
| CCU | Critical Care Unit |
| CDC | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| CDT | Current Dental Terminology |
| CEO | Chief Executive Officer |
| CF | Conversion Factor |
| CFO | Chief Financial Officer |
| CHA | Catholic Health Association of the United States |
| CHAMPUS | Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services |
| CHAUS | Catholic Health Association of the United States |
| CHC | Community Health Center |
| CHE | Certified Healthcare Executive |
| CHI | Catholic Health Initiatives |
| CHIN | Community Health Information Network |
| CHIP | Children's Health Insurance Program |
| CIMRO-NE | CIMRO of Nebraska |
| CLIA 88 | Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment of 1988 |
| CMA | Cost Minimization Analysis |
| CMI | Case-Mix Index |
| CMP | Competitive Medical Plan |
| CMS | Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services |
| CMSA | Case Management Society of America |
| COA | Certificate of Authority |
| COB | Coordination of Benefits |
| COBRA | Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 |
| COC | Certificate of Coverage |
| COHE | College of Osteopathic Healthcare Executives |
| COI | Cost of Illness Analysis |
| COMS | Clinical Outcomes Measurement Systems |
| CON | Certificate of Need |
| COO | Chief Operating Officer |
| COP | Conditions of Participation |
| CPI | Consumer Price Index |
| CPR | Computer-Based Patient Record OR Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation OR Customary, Prevailing and Reasonable |
| CPT | Current Procedural Terminology |
| CQI | Continuous Quality Improvement |
| CRNA | Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists |

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| DBMS | Database Management System |
| DCH | Department of Community Health |
| DCI | Duplicate Coverage Inquiry |
| DEA | Drug Enforcement Administration |
| DHHS | Department of Health and Human Services |
| DMA | Dietary Managers Association |
| DME | Department of Management and Budget |
| DNR | Do-Not-Resuscitate |
| DO | Doctor of Osteopathy |

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| DRG | Diagnosis Related Group |
| DOD | Department of Defense |
| DOJ | Department of Justice |
| DRJ | Deficit Reduction Act |
| DSH | Disproportionate Share Hospital |
| DUA | Data Use Agreement |
| DUR | Drug Utilization Review |
| DVS | Director of Volunteer Services |

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| E & R | Enrollment and Review |
| EAP | Employee Assistance Program |
| ECF | Extended Care Facility |
| ED | Emergency Department |
| EDI | Electronic Data Interchange |
| EEOC | Equal Employment Opportunity Commission |
| EMR | Electronic Medical Record |
| EMS | Emergency Medical Services OR Emergency Medical System |
| EMT | Emergency Medical Technician |
| EMTALA | Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act |
| EOB | Explanation of Benefits |
| EOC | Explanation of Coverage |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency OR Exclusive Provider Arrangement |
| EPG | Episodic Payment Group |
| EPO | Exclusion Provider Organization |
| EPSDT | Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment |
| EQRO | External Quality Review Organization |
| ER | Emergency Room |
| ERISA | Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 |
| ETG | Episodic Treatment Group |

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| FACHE | Fellow, American College of Healthcare Executives |
| FAH | Federation of American Hospitals |
| FAHS | Federation of American Health Systems |
| FBI | Federal Bureau of Investigation |
| FDA | Food and Drug Administration |
| FFS | Fee-for-Service |
| FHFMA | Fellow, Healthcare Financial Management Association |
| FIA | Family Independence Agency |
| FMG | Foreign Medical Graduate |
| FPL | Federal Poverty Level |
| FQHC | Federally Qualified Health Center |
| FRG | Function Related Group |
| FSA | Flexible Spending Account |
| FTC | Federal Trade Commission |
| FTE | Full-Time Equivalent |
| FY | Fiscal Year |

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| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GHAA | Group Health Association of America |
| GME | Graduate Medical Education |
| GP | General Practitioner |
| GPWW | Group Practice Without Walls |

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| HAI | Hospital-Acquired Infection |
| HALO | Healthcare Alliance of Legislative Officers |
| HBA | Heartland Biomedical Association |
| HCCA | Health Care Compliance Association |
| HCEM | Healthcare Certified Emergency Manager |
| HCFA | Health Care Financing Administration |
| HCLA | Health Care Liability Alliance |
| HCNN | Health Care Notification Network |
| HCRMS | Health Care Resource Management Society |
| Health IT | Health Information Technology |
| Health PAC | Health Political Action Committee |
| HEICS | Hospital Emergency Incident Command System |
| HEIDS | Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set |
| HFMA | Healthcare Financial Management Association |
| HHA | Home Health Agency OR Heartland Health Alliance |
| HHS or DHHS | Health and Human Services, Department of |
| HIAA | Health Insurance Association of America |
| HIMSS | Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society |
| HIPAA | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 |
| HIPC | Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative |
| HIS | Hospital Information System |
| HIV | Human Immunodeficiency Virus |
| HLTCU | Hospital-Attached Long-Term Care Unit |
| HMBI | Hospital Market Basket Index |
| HMO | Health Maintenance Organization |
| HMSA | Health Manpower Shortage Area |
| HPS | Hospital Purchasing Service |
| HPSA | Health Professional Shortage Area |
| HRMS | Heartland Risk Management Society |
| HRSA | Health Resources and Services Administration |

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| IAB | Industrial Accident Board |
| IBNR | Incurred But Not Reported |
| ICD | International Classification of Diseases |
| ICU | Intensive Care Unit |
| ICRC | Infant Care Review Committee |
| IDN | Integrated Delivery Network |

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| IDS | Integrated Delivery System |
| IEC | Institutional Ethics Committee |
| IPA | Independent (or Individual) Practice Association |
| IRB | Institutional Review Board |
| IRS | Internal Revenue Service |
| ISG | Issue Strategy Group |
| ISMP | Institute for Safe Medicine Practices |
| ISO | International Organization for Standardization |

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| JCAHO | Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations |
| JOA | Joint Operating Agreement |

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| LATA | Local Access Transport Area |
| LEC | Local Exchange Carrier |
| LMRP | Local Medical Review Policy |
| LOS | Length of Stay |
| LPN | Licensed Practical Nurse |
| LTAC | Long-Term Acute-Care Hospital |
| LTC | Long-Term Care |
| LTCF | Long-Term Care Facility |

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| MAAC | Maximum Allowable Actual Charge |
| MCE | Medical Care Evaluation Studies |
| MCO | Managed Care Organization |
| MCR | Medicare Cost Report |
| MD | Doctor of Medicine |
| MDC | Major Diagnostic Category |
| MDP | Medical Disclosure Panel |
| MedPAC | Medicare Payment Advisory Commission |
| MedPAR | Medicare Provider Analysis and Review File |
| MEI | Medicare Economic Index |
| MET | Multiple Employer Trust |
| MEWA | Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement |
| MGMA | Medical Group Management Association |
| MIS | Management Information System |
| MLR | Medical Loss Ratio |
| MMA | Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 |
| MMIS | Medical Management Information System |
| MRI | Magnetic Resonance Imaging |
| MSA | Medical Savings Account or Metropolitan Statistical Area |
| MSN | Master of Science in Nursing |
| MSO | Management Services Organization |
| MSW | Master of Social Work |
| MUA/P | Medically Underserved Areas and Populations |

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| NAHC | National Association for Home Care |
| NAHCHA | Nebraska Association of Home and Community Health Agencies |
| NAHCR | National Association for Health Care Recruitment |
| NAOHN | Nebraska Association of Occupational Health Nurses |
| NAHQ | National Association for Healthcare Quality |
| NAHSE | National Association of Health Services Executives |
| NAIC | National Association of Insurance Commissioners |
| NAMSS | National Association Medical Staff Services |
| NANA | Nebraska Association for Nurse Anesthetists |
| NAPH | National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems |
| NAPHS | National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems |
| NBCH | National Business Coalition on Health |
| NCCBH | National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare |
| NCCHA | Nebraska Conference of Catholic Health Facilities |
| NCH | National Claims History System |
| NCPDP | National Council for Prescription Drug Programs |
| NCPS | Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety |
| NCQA | National Committee for Quality Assurance |
| NDMS | National Disaster Medical System |
| NDA | Nebraska Dental Association OR Nebraska Dietetic Association |
| NDC | National Drug Code |
| NeAMSS | Nebraska Association of Medical Staff Services |
| NeLN | Nebraska League for Nursing |
| NeMPHA | Nebraska Minority Public Health Association |
| NEAPHI | Nebraska Educational Alliance for Public Health Impact |
| NE ASHE | Nebraska Chapter of American Society for Healthcare Engineers |
| NEAHQ | Nebraska Association for Healthcare Quality |
| NENA | Nebraska Emergency Nurses Association |
| NeoICU | Neonatal Intensive Care Unit |
| NE SNIP | Nebraska Strategic National Implementation Process |
| NFPA | National Fire Prevention Association |
| NHA | Nebraska Hospital Association |
| NHAREF | Nebraska Hospital Association Research & Education Foundation |
| NHCA | Nebraska Health Care Association |
| NHCAA | National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association |
| NHIMA | Nebraska Health Information Management Association |
| NHIS | Nebraska Health Information System |
| NHM | Nebraska Healthcare Marketers |
| NHO | National Hospice Organization |
| NHPCA | Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association |
| NICHE | Nurses Improving Care for Health System Elders |
| NICN | Nebraska Infection Control Network |
| NIH | National Institutes of Health |
| NIHCM | National Institute for Health Care Management |
| NLN | National League of Nurses |
| NMA | Nebraska Medical Association |

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| NNA | Nebraska Nurses Association |
| NOA | Nebraska Optometric Association |
| NONE | Nebraska Organization of Nurse Executives |
| NOTA | Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association |
| NPA | Nebraska Pharmacists Association OR Nebraska Psychological Association |
| NPDB | National Practitioner Data Bank |
| NPI | National Provider Identifier (hospital code) |
| NPTA | Nebraska Physical Therapy Association |
| NRHA | National Rural Health Association OR Nebraska Rural Health Association |
| NSCLS | Nebraska Society for Clinical Laboratory Service |
| NSDVS | Nebraska Society of Directors of Volunteer Services |
| NSHE | Nebraska Society for Healthcare Educators |
| NHSFSM | National Society for Healthcare Food Service Management |
| NSRT | Nebraska Society of Radiological Technologists |
| NSSNA | Nebraska State Student Nurses Association |
| NSSWLHC | Nebraska Society for Social Work Leaders in Healthcare |
| NUIHC | Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, Inc. |

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| OB-GYN | Obstetrics-Gynecology |
| OBRA | Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act |
| OIG | Office of Inspector General |
| OMB | Office of Management and Budget |
| ONCHIT | Office of the National Coordinator for Healthcare Information Technology |
| OPPS | Outpatient Prospective Payment System |
| OR | Operating Room |
| ORYX | JACHO Initiative (listed as ORYX) |
| OSHA | Occupational Safety and Health Administration |
| OT | Occupational Therapist |
| OTC | Over-The-Counter Drugs |

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| PA | Physician Assistant |
| PAC | Political Action Committee (friends of NHA) |
| PAHCOM | Professional Association of Health Care Office Managers |
| PBM | Pharmacy Benefit Manager |
| PCCM | Primary Care Case Management |
| PDx | Principle Diagnosis |
| PC | Professional Corporation |
| PCP | Primary Care Physician OR Primary Care Provider |
| PCN | Primary Care Network |
| PCR | Physician Contingency Reserve |
| PET | Positron Emission Tomography |
| PHA | Participating Hospital Agreement |
| PHAN | Public Health Association of Nebraska |
| PHO | Physician-Hospital Organization |
| PHP | Partial Hospitalization Program OR Prepaid Health Plan |
| PHS | Public Health Service |

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| PIP | Periodic Interim Payment |
| PMC | Physician Management Company |
| PMPM | Per Member Per Month |
| PO | Physician Organization |
| POS | Point-of-Service Plan |
| PPO | Preferred Provider Organization |
| PPMC | Physician Practice Management Company |
| PPP | Preferred Provider Plan |
| PPRC | Physician Payment Review Commission |
| PPS | Prospective Payment System |
| PRO | Peer Review Organization or Professional Review Organization |
| ProPAC | Prospective Payment Assessment Commission |
| PSDN | Patient-Self Determination Act of 1989 |
| PSN | Provider Sponsored Network |
| PSO | Provider Service Organization |
| PSRO | Professional Standards Review |
| PT | Physical Therapist |
| PTMPV | Per Thousand Members Per Year |

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| QA | Quality Assessment OR Quality Assurance |
| QARI | Quality Assurance Reform Initiative |
| QHP | Quality Health Plan |
| QM | Quality Management |

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| RACs | Recovery Audit Contractors |
| RBRVS | Resource-Based Relative-Value Scale |
| Retro | Retrospective Rating |
| RHC | Rural Health Clinic |
| RN | Registered Nurse |
| RPB6 | Regional Policy Board 6 (AHA) |
| RUG | Resource Utilization Group |
| RVS | Relative Value Scale |
| RVU | Relative Value Unit |

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| SCHIP | State Children's Health Insurance Program |
| SCR | Standard Class Rate |
| SERPA | South East Rural Physician Association |
| SMI | Supplemental Medical Insurance |
| SNF | Skilled Nursing Facility |
| SPECT | Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography |
| SPD | Summary Plan Description |
| SSI | Supplemental Security Income |

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| TANF | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families |
| TERFA | Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 |
| TPA | Third Party Administrator |
| TQM | Total Quality Management |
| TRICARE | Formerly CHAMPUS |

U

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|--------------|---------------------------------|
| UC | Unemployment Compensation |
| UCR | Usual, Customary and Reasonable |
| UM | Utilization Management |
| UR | Utilization Review |
| USF | Universal Services Fund |
| USPCC | U.S. Per Capita Cost |

V

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| VHA | Voluntary Hospitals of America |
| VNA | Visiting Nurse Association |
| VPS | Volume Performance Standard System <u>OR</u> Volume Performance Standards |

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| WC | Workers' Compensation |
| WCC | Workers' Compensation Court |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| WMD | Weapons of Mass Destruction |