ACRONYMS 101

3RNet.............National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network
AAFP.............American Academy of Family Physicians
ACA...............Affordable Care Act or Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
ADC...............Average Daily Census
ACHE.............American College of Healthcare Executives
ACLS.............Advanced Cardiac Life Support
ACO...............Accountable Care Organization
ACS...............American College of Surgeons
ADC...............Average Daily Census
ADE...............Adverse Drug Event
AED...............Automated External Defibrillator
AFIB...............Atrial Fibrillation
AHA...............American Hospital Association
AHC...............Accountable Health Communities Model or Academic Health Center
AHIMA...............American Health Information Management Association
AHQA...............American Health Quality Association
AHRQ...............Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AIM...............ACO Investment Model
AIMS...............Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
ALOS...............Average Length of Stay
ALS...............Advanced Life Support
AMA...............American Medical Association or Against Medical Advice
AMC...............Academic Medical Center
AMI...............Acute Myocardial Infarction
AMIA...............American Medical Informatics Association
ANA...............American Nurses Association
APC...............Ambulatory Payment Classification
APM...............Alternative Payment Model or Advanced Alternative Payment Model
AR .................. Accounts Receivable
ARRA ............... American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
ASC .................. Ambulatory Surgical Center
ATLS ................ Advanced Trauma Life Support
BBA .................. Balanced Budget Act of 1997
BBRA ................. Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999
BCBS .................. Blue Cross Blue Shield
BCHS ................. Bureau of Community Health Services
BFCC ................. Beneficiary and Family Centered Care Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO)
BHP .................. Bureau of Health Professions
BHRD ................. Bureau of Health Resources Development
BIA .................. Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIPA ................. Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000
BLS .................. Bureau of Labor Statistics or Basic Life Support
BPHC ................. Bureau of Primary Health Care
BSC .................. Balanced Scorecard
BTLS ................ Basic Trauma Life Support
CAC .................. Children’s Asthma Care
CAH .................. Critical Access Hospital
CAHFIR ............... Critical Access Hospital Financial Indicator Report (FIR)
CAHMPAS .......... Critical Access Hospital Measurement and Performance Assessment System
CALS ............... Comprehensive Advanced Life Support
CAP .................. Community Access Program
CART ................. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Abstraction and Reporting Tool
CAUTI ............... Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection
CBO .................. Congressional Budget Office
CBSA ................. Core Based Statistical Area
CCHIT ............... Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology
CCM..................Coordinated Care Model or Chronic Care Management
CCN..................CMS Certification Number
CCO..................Coordinated Care Organization or Community Care Organization
CDC..................Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDE..................Clinical Data Exchange
CDI..................Clostridium difficile Infection
CDS..................Clinical Decision Support
CEO..................Chief Executive Officer
CEHRT..............Certified Electronic Health Record Technology
CEU..................Continuing Education Unit
CFO..................Chief Financial Officer
CFR..................Code of Federal Regulations
CHC..................Community Health Center
CHIP..................Children’s Health Insurance Program
CHNA.................Community Health Needs Assessment
CHW..................Community Health Worker
CIT..................Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation
CLABSI..............Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection
CLIA.................Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1967 or Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988
CME..................Continuing Medical Education
CMHC.................Community Mental Health Center
CMMI...............Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
CMO..................Chief Medical Officer
CMS..................Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CON..................Certificate of Need
CoP..................Conditions of Participation
COPD.................Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CP..................Community Paramedic or Community Paramedicine
CPC/CPC+.........Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative/Comprehensive Primary Care Plus Initiative
CPHQ....................Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality
CP-MIH ...............Community Paramedicine-Mobile Integrated Health
CPOE..................Computerized Provider Order Entry
CQI.....................Continuous Quality Improvement
CQM ....................Clinical Quality Measure
CRNA ..................Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CY .....................Calendar Year
DACA ..................Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement
DGME .................Direct Graduate Medical Education
DHHS ..................Department of Health and Human Services (or HHS)
DME ....................Durable Medical Equipment
DPU .....................Distinct Part Unit
DON ....................Director of Nursing
DOQ-IT ................Doctor’s Office Quality – Information Technology
DRG .....................Diagnosis Related Group
DSA ....................Disproportionate Share Adjustment
DSH ....................Disproportionate Share Hospital
DUNS ..................Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System
DVT ....................Deep Vein Thrombosis
EACH ..................Essential Access Community Hospital
ECG ....................Electrocardiogram
eCQM ..................Electronic Clinical Quality Measure
ED .....................Emergency Department
EDHI ..................Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
EDIE ..................Emergency Department Information Exchange
EDTC ..................Emergency Department Transfer Communication
eHI ...................e-Health Initiative
EHB ....................Electronic Handbook
EHR ....................Electronic Health Record
EMR .................. Electronic Medical Record
EMS .................. Emergency Medical Services
EMT ................. Emergency Medical Technician
EMTALA ............ Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act
ESRD ............... End Stage Renal Disease
FACHE ............. Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives
FCC .................. Federal Communications Commission
FCHIP .............. Frontier Community Health Integration Project
FEC ................. Freestanding Emergency Center
FEMA ............... Federal Emergency Management Association
FESC ............... Frontier Extended Stay Clinic
FFS .................. Fee for Service
FHIR .................. Freestanding Emergency Center
FHSR ............... Foundation for Health Services Research
FI ..................... Fiscal Intermediary
FIR .................. Financial Indicators Report
Flex ................. Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program
FMT ................. Flex Monitoring Team
FOA ................. Funding Opportunity Announcement
FOIA ............... Freedom of Information Act
FORHP .............. Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
FQHC ............... Federally Qualified Health Center
FTE .................. Full-Time Equivalent
FY ..................... Fiscal Year
GAO ................. Government Accountability Office
GI ..................... Gastrointestinal
GME ................. Graduate Medical Education
GMS ................. Grants Management Specialist
GPRA ............... Government Performance and Results Act
HAC ............... Hospital Acquired Condition
HACRP............ Hospital Acquired Conditions Reduction Program
HAI ................ Health Care-Associated Infection
HCAHPS.......... Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
HCPCS.......... Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
HCP................ Health Care Personnel
Health IT.......... Health Information Technology
HEN ............... Hospital Engagement Network (see HIIN)
HHA ............... Home Health Agency
HHS ............... Department of Health and Human Services (or DHHS)
HIE ................ Health Information Exchange
HIIN.............. Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (formerly HEN)
HIMSS.......... Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
HIPAA .......... Health Information Portability and Accountability Act
HIQR ............. Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program
HISPC.......... Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration
HIT ................ Health Information Technology
HITECH ............. Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
HITEQ .......... Health Information Technology Evaluation, and Quality Center
HITSP .......... Health Information Technology Standards Panel
HOQR .......... Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program
HPC ............... Health Policy Commission
HPSA .......... Health Professional Shortage Area
HRET .......... Health Research & Education Trust (affiliate of AHA)
HRSA .......... Health Resources and Services Administration
HSA .......... Health Savings Account; or Health Systems Agency
HTN .......... Hypertension
HUD .......... Housing and Urban Development
IBH .......... Integrated Behavioral Health
ICT ............. Information and Communication Technology
ICU ............... Intensive Care Unit
IHI ............... Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IHS ............... Indian Health Services
IOM ............... Institute of Medicine
IP ................. Inpatient
IPAB .............. Independent Payment Advisory Board
IPPS .............. Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IRF ............... Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IRS ............... Internal Revenue Service
IQR ............... Inpatient Quality Reporting Program
IT ................ Information Technology
JCAHO .......... Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (the Joint Commission)
JCREC .......... Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care
LAN ............... Learning Action Network
LOS ............... Length of Stay
LPN ............... Licensed Practical Nurse
LTC ............... Long Term Care
LTCF .............. Long Term Care Facility
MAC .............. Medicare Administration Contractor
MACRA .......... Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015
MAF .............. Medical Assistance Facility
MAT .............. Medication-Assisted Therapy
MBQIP .......... Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project
MCO .............. Managed Care Organization
MDH .............. Medicare Dependent Hospital
MedPAC .......... Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MIH .............. Mobile Integrated Health
MIPPA .......... Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008
MIPS .............. Merit-based Incentive Payment System
MMA............... Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003
MOA............... Memorandum of Agreement
MOU............... Memorandum of Understanding
MPI............... Master Patient Index
MRSA ............. Methicillin-resistant *Staphlococcus aureus*
MSA............... Metropolitan Statistical Area
MSSP.............. Medicare Shared Savings Program
MU ................. Meaningful Use (now known as Promoting Interoperability)
MUA............... Medically Underserved Area
MUP ............... Medically Underserved Population
NACHC ............ National Association of Community Health Centers
NACRHHS ......... National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services
NARHC ............ National Association of Rural Health Clinics
NASEMSO ......... National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials
NCC ............... Non-Competing Continuation
NCQA ............. National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCHN ............. National Cooperative of Health Networks
NGA ............... Notice of Grant Award
NHIN ............. National Health Information Network
NHSN ............. National Healthcare Safety Network
NIH ............... National Institute for Health
NLM ............... National Library of Medicine
NOA ............... Notice of Award
NoP ............... Notice of Participation
NOSORH ......... National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
NP ............... Nurse Practitioner
NPI ............... National Provider Identifier
NPRM ............ Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NRHA ............ National Rural Health Association
NTIA ............ National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NQF ............ National Quality Forum
OAT ............. Office for the Advancement of Telehealth
OHITQ .......... Office of Health Information Technology and Quality
OIG ............. Office of Inspector General
OMB ............. Office of Management and Budget
OMH ............. Office of Minority Health
ONC ............. Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
OP ............... Outpatient
OPPS ............ Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OQR ............ Outpatient Quality Reporting Program
OTP ............ Opioid Treatment Program
P4P/PfP .......... Pay for Performance or Partnership for Patients
PACS .......... Picture Archiving and Communications System
PALS .......... Pediatric Advanced Life Support
PB ............... Provider-Based
PBPM ............ Per Beneficiary Per Month
PCA ............ Primary Care Association
PCC .......... Primary Care Clinicians
PCMH .......... Patient-Centered Medical Home
PCO .......... Primary Care Office
PCP .......... Primary Care Provider
PE ............. Pulmonary Embolism
PHR ............ Personal Health Record
PI .......... Performance Improvement or Promoting Interoperability
PIMS .......... Performance Improvement & Measurement System
PIN .......... Policy Information Notice from HRSA
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RPCH............. Rural Primary Care Hospital
RQITA............. Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance
RRC............. Rural Referral Center
RSV............. Reverse Site Visit
RTTD............. Rural Trauma Team Development
RUPRI............. Rural Policy Research Institute
RUS............. Rural Utilities Service
SAM............. System for Award Management
SAN............. Support and Alignment Network
SAMHSA........ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SCH............. Sole Community Hospital
SCHIP............. State Children’s Health Insurance Program
SDOH............. Social Determinants of Health
SHIP............. Small Hospital Improvement Program
SIM............. State Innovation Model Initiative
SMSA............. Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SNF............. Skilled Nursing Facility
SOM............. State Operations Manual
SORH............. State Office of Rural Health
SRHP............. State Rural Health Plan
SRHT............. Small Rural Hospital Transition Project
SSA............. Social Security Administration
SSP............. Shared Savings Program
STEMI............. ST-segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction
SUD............. Substance Use Disorder
TA............. Technical assistance
TASC............. Technical Assistance and Services Center
TCD............. Time Critical Diagnoses
TCPI............. Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative
TeamSTEPPS... Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety
TEFRA ............ Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act
TQM ................ Total Quality Management
TRC............... Telehealth Resource Center
UDS............... Uniform Data System
UOB ............... Unobligated Balance
UR ................. Utilization Review
USAC............... Universal Service Administrative Company
VA.................. Veterans Administration
VBP ............... Value-based Purchasing or Value-based Payment
VKG .............. Virtual Knowledge Group
VPM ............... Value-based Payment Model
VTE ............... Venous Thromboembolism