

ACRONYMS 101

3RNet.....	National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network
AAA	American Ambulance Association
AAFP.....	American Academy of Family Physicians
ACA	Affordable Care Act or Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
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
AFS.....	Ambulance Fee Schedule
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
AIR	All Inclusive Rate
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
 CC.....Care Coordination
 CCHITCertification 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
 CDEClinical Data Exchange
 CDI.....*Clostridium difficile* Infection
 CDS.....Clinical Decision Support
 CEO.....Chief Executive Officer
 CEHRT.....Certified Electronic Health Record Technology
 CEUContinuing 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
 CHWCommunity Health Worker
 CITCritical Illness and Trauma Foundation
 CLABSI.....Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection
 CLIAClinical 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-MIHCommunity Paramedicine-Mobile Integrated Health

CPOE.....Computerized Provider Order Entry

CPT.....Current Procedural Terminology

CQI.....Continuous Quality Improvement

CQMClinical Quality Measure

CRNA.....Certified Registered Nurse

CY.....Calendar Year

DACA.....Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement

DGMEDirect Graduate Medical Education

DHHSDepartment of Health and Human Services (or HHS)

DME.....Durable Medical Equipment

DPUDistinct Part Unit

DONDirector of Nursing

DOQ-ITDoctor’s Office Quality – Information Technology

DRG.....Diagnosis Related Group

DSADisproportionate Share Adjustment

DSH.....Disproportionate Share Hospital

DUNSDun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System

DVTDeep Vein Thrombosis

EACH.....Essential Access Community Hospital

ECGElectrocardiogram

eCQMElectronic Clinical Quality Measure

ED.....Emergency Department

EHDI.....Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

EDIEEmergency Department Information Exchange

EDTCEmergency Department Transfer Communication

eHIe-Health Initiative

EHBElectronic Handbook

EHRElectronic Health Record

EMR.....Electronic Medical Record, Emergency Medical Responder

EMSEmergency 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

FFR Federal Financial Report

FFS Fee-for-Service

FFR Federal Financial Report

FHSR..... Foundation for Health Services Research

FI Fiscal Intermediary

FIR Financial Indicators Report

FlexMedicare 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

GEMT Ground Emergency Medical Transport

GIGastrointestinal

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

HCRIS Healthcare Cost Report Information System

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

HIQRHospital 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

HPCHealth Policy Commission
HPSA..... Health Professional Shortage Area
HRETHealth Research & Education Trust (affiliate of AHA)
HRSA Health Resources and Services Administration
HSA Health Savings Account; or Health Systems Agency
HTNHypertension
HUD Housing and Urban Development
IAFC International Association of Fire Chiefs
IAFF..... International Association of Fire Fighters
IBH Integrated Behavioral Health
ICT Information and Communication Technology
ICD-10 International Classification of Diseases – 10th Edition
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

MCOManaged Care Organization

MDH Medicare Dependent Hospital

MedPAC Medicare Payment and 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 *Staphylococcus 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

NAEMT National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians

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
 NHTSA National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
 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
PEPulmonary Embolism
PFS Physician Fee Schedule
PHR Personal Health Record
PI Performance Improvement or Promoting Interoperability
PIMS Performance Improvement & Measurement System
PIN Policy Information Notice from HRSA
PMPM Per Member Per Month
PO Project Officer
POND Practice Operations National Database
POS Point of Service
PPACA Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010
PPO Preferred Provider Organization
PPS..... Prospective Payment System
PQRS Physician Quality Reporting System
PRO Peer Review Organization
PSA..... Physician Scarcity Area
PSI Patient Safety Indicators
PTN..... Practice Transformation Network
QHI..... Quality Health Indicators
QHPQualified Health Plan
QI..... Quality Improvement

QIN..... Quality Innovation Network
QIO Quality Improvement Organization
QNet QualityNet
QPP Quality Payment Program
RAC Recovery Audit Contractor
RFI Request for Information
RFP..... Request for Proposals
RHC Rural Health Clinic
RHihub..... Rural Health Information Hub
RHIO..... Regional Health Information Organization
RHPI Rural Hospital Performance Improvement Project
RHRC Rural Health Research Center
RHSATA..... Rural Health System Analysis and Technical Assistance Program
RHV Rural Health Value
ROI..... Return on Investment
ROCI..... Return on Community Investment
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
RVU Relative Value Unit
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

TCM Transitional Care Management

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