

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

APMAlternative Payment Model or Advanced Alternative Payment Model

AR.....Accounts Receivable

ARRAAmerican Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

ASCAmbulatory Surgical Center

ATLS.....Advanced Trauma Life Support

BBABalanced Budget Act of 1997

BBRABalanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999

BCBSBlue Cross Blue Shield

BCHS.....Bureau of Community Health Services

BFCCBeneficiary and Family Centered Care Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO)

BHPBureau of Health Professions

BHRD.....Bureau of Health Resources Development

BIABureau of Indian Affairs

BIPABenefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000

BLS.....Bureau of Labor Statistics or Basic Life Support

BPHC.....Bureau of Primary Health Care

BSCBalanced Scorecard

BTLS.....Basic Trauma Life Support

CACChildren’s Asthma Care

CAHCritical 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

CARTCenters 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
 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

COVID-19.....Coronavirus Disease 2019

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

CPOEComputerized 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

DON.....Director of Nursing

DOQ-IT.....Doctor’s Office Quality – Information Technology

DRG.....Diagnosis Related Group

DSADisproportionate Share Adjustment

DSH.....Disproportionate Share Hospital

DUNS.....Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System

DVTDeep Vein Thrombosis

EACHEssential Access Community Hospital

ECGElectrocardiogram

eCQM.....Electronic 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

HOQRHospital 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

MCO Managed 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

NAEMSO 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

PAC.....Post-Acute Care

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
PFS..... Physician Fee Schedule
PHE.....Public Health Emergency
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
PRFProvider Relief Funds
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
RHHub..... 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
TRC Telehealth Resource Center