

# Acronyms

## A

AA	Alzheimer's Association
AAAAI	American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
AAAH	American Association of Alternative Healers
AABB	American Association of Blood Banks
AABD	Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled
AAC	Actual Acquisition Cost; AIDS Action Council
AAHA	American Academy of Health Care Attorneys
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
AAW	Actively at Work
AB	Aid to the Blind
ABA	American Bar Association
ABMT	Autologous Bone Marrow Transplant
ACLI	American Council of Life Insurance
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ACS	American Cancer Society
ACURP	American College of Utilization Review Physicians
ADA	American Dental Association; American Diabetes Association; Americans with Disabilities Act
ADAD	Alzheimer Disease and Associated Disorders
ADB	Accidental Death Benefit
AD&D	Accidental Death & Dismemberment
ADDA	National Attention Deficit Disorder Association
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADEA	Age Discrimination in Employment Act
ADHD	Attention Deficit and Hyperactive Disordered
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
A&H	Accident and Health
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHI	American Health Institute
AHP	Accountable Health Plan
AHEC	Area Health Education Center
A&I	Accident and Indemnity
AI	Artificial Insemination; Artificial Intelligence
AIA	American Insurance Association

AICPA	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
aka	Also Known As
ALOS	Average Length of Stay
ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Stenosis
AMA	American Medical Association
AMHF	American Mental Health Foundation
AMH	Accreditation Manual for Hospitals
APS	Attending Physician's Statement
A&S	Accident and Sickness
ARC	American Red Cross; Aids-Related Complex
ASC	Ambulatory Surgical Center
ASO	Administrative Services Only
AWP	Average Wholesale Price
AZT	Zidovudine

## **B**

BCA	Blue Cross Association
BC/BS	Blue Cross / Blue Shield
BEAM	Brain Electrical Activity Mapping
BI	Bodily Injury
BIA	Brain Injury Association
BPR	Blood Pressure Reading

## **C**

CA	Cocaine Anonymous
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CEBS	Certified Employee Benefits Specialist
CCC	Care, Custody and Control
CCU	Coronary Care Unit
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CDC NAC	CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse
CDI	Consumer Drug Information
CEBV	Chronic Epstein-Barr Virus
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the Uniformed Services
CLU	College of Life Underwriters
CMA-RVS	California Medical Association's Relative Value Schedules
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CMSS	Council on Medical Specialty Services

COB	Coordination of Benefits
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COLA	Cost of Living Allowance
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPM	Continuous Passive Motion Machine
CPT-4	Current Procedures Terminology, 4th Edition
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CRT	Cathode Ray Tube
CRVS	California Relative Value (Code for) Surgery
CSA	Council of Scientific Affairs
CVLI	Cash Value Life Insurance

## D

DATTA	Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technology Assessment
DAW	Dispense as Written
dba	Doing Business As
DBO	Death Benefit Only
DCI	Duplicate Coverage Inquiry
DCN	Document Control Number
DEFRA	Deficit Reduction Act
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DMH	Department of Mental Health
DMP	Data Match Program
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DOB	Date of Birth
DOD	Date of Death, Date of Disability
DOL	Department of Labor
DOS	Date of Service
DPP	Deferred Payment Plan; Deferred Premium Payment
DRG	Diagnostic-Related Group
DSA	Digital Subtraction Angiography
DSM-III-R	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (3rd Edition, Revised)
DSP	Decessit Sine Prole (Died Without Issue)
DUR	Drug Utilization Review
DXL	Diagnostic X-Ray and Lab

## E

EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EBRI	Employee Benefit Research Institute
ECF	Extended Care Facility
ECG	Electrocardiogram
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EIN	Employer Identification Number
EKG	Electrocardiogram
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
ENT	Ear, Nose & Throat
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
E of I	Evidence of Insurability
E/M Codes	Evaluation and Management Codes
EP	Earned Premium
EPO	Exclusive Provider Organization
ER	Emergency Room; Employee Relations
ERA	Equal Rights Amendment; Expense Reimbursement Allowance
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease
ESWL	Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy

## F

FAH	Federation of American Hospitals
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FAX	Facsimile (machine)
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEHBP	Federal Employee Health Benefit Program
FIT	Federal Income Tax
FICA	Federal Insurance Contribution Act or Social Security Tax
FIFO	First In First Out
FLMI	Fellow of the Life Management Institute
FMLA	Family Medical Leave Act
FSA	Flexible Spending Account

## G

GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning

GAO General Accounting Office  
GLBA Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act  
GIFT Gamete Intrafallopian Tube Transfer  
GMR Group Medical Report

## H

HBP High Blood Pressure  
HCEA Health Care Expenditure Account  
HCFA Health Care Financing Administration  
HCG Human Chorionic Gonadotropin  
HCPCS Health Care Financing Administration Common  
Procedure Coding System  
HFMA Health Care Financial Management Association  
HHA Home Health Agency  
HHC Home Health Care  
HHS Health and Human Services  
HIAA Health Insurance Association of America  
HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
HIC # Health Insurance Claim Number  
HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
HMO Health Maintenance Organization  
HPI History of the Illness  
HR Human Resources  
HRA Health Reimbursement Account

## I

IBNR Insured But Not Reported  
ICA International Claim Association  
ICD-9-CM International Classification of Diseases -- 9th  
Revision -- Clinical Modification  
ICF Intensive Care Facility  
ICU Intensive Care Unit  
IDS Integrated Delivery System  
IF International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans  
IHF Indian Health Service  
IIA Insurance Institute of America  
IME Independent Medical Examination  
INDA Investigational New Drug Application  
IPA Individual Practice Association

IP Inpatient  
IRB Institutional Review Board  
IRC Internal Revenue Code  
IRS Internal Revenue Service  
IVF In-Vitro Fertilization

## J

JAMA Journal of the American Medical Association  
JCAH Joint Committee on Accreditation of Hospitals  
JD Juvenile Diabetes

## L

LAN Local Area Network  
LAV Lymphadenopathy Associated Virus  
LD Learning Disability  
LDW Last Date Worked  
LGHP Large Group Health Plan  
LH Luteinizing Hormone  
LIMRA Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association  
LLC Limited Liability Corporation  
LMR Labor Management Relations Act  
LMP Last Menstrual Period  
LOA Leave of Absence  
LOMA Life Office Management Association  
LOS Length of Stay  
LTD Long-Term Disability

## M

MAAC Maximum Allowable Actual Charge  
MAC Maximum Allowable Cost  
MCM Medical Case Management  
MCO Managed Care Organization  
MEWA Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement  
MGU Managing General Underwriter  
MHPA Mental Health Parity Act  
MPP Minimum Premium Plan

MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MSLT	Multiple Sleep Latency Test
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
MSA	Medical Savings Account
MSP	Medicare as Secondary Payer

## N

N/A	Not Applicable
NAHMOR	National Association of HMO Regulators
NAIC	National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NASCO	National Account Service Company
NHCAA	National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association
NHI	National Heart Institute
NHLI	National Heart and Lung Institute
NIAID	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
NIAMD	National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases
NICHHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Disease
NIDR	National Institute of Dental Research
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
NINDB	National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness
NLRA	National Labor Relations Act
NMHPA	Newborn's and Mothers' Health Protection Act
NMR (Scanner)	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Scanner
NMS	Neuromuscular Stimulation
NOC	No Other Coverage
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee

## O

OASDI	Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance
OB/GYN	Obstetrics/Gynecology
OBRA	Omnibus Reconciliation Act
OCA	Outstanding Claims Account
OD	Occupational Disease
OH	Outpatient, Hospital
OI	Other Insurance
OM	Oriental Medicine
OOP	Out of Pocket
OP	Overpayment

O/P	Outpatient
OR	Operating Room
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSMI	Oral Surgery Marketing, Inc.
OT	Occupational Therapy
OTC	Over-the-Counter

## P

PA	Physician's Assistant
PAT	Pre-Admission Testing
PBGC	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
PBM	Pharmaceutical Benefit Manager
PC	Personal Computer
PCN	Primary Care Network
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PDR	Physician's Desk Reference
PEO	Professional Employers Organization
PET	Positive Emission Tomography
PHO	Preferred Hospital Organization
PHS	Public Health Service
PKU	Phenylketonuria
PI	Personal Injury
PIP	Personal Injury Protection
POS	Point of Service
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PRO	Peer Review Organization
PT	Permanent Total Disability Benefit; Physical Therapy
PTCA	Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Artery Angioplasty
PTE	Prohibited Transaction Exemption
PW	Premium Waiver
PWBA	Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

## Q

QA	Quality Assurance
QDRO	Qualified Domestic Relations Order
QMCSO	Qualified Medical Child Support Order

## R

RBC	Red Blood Cells
RBRVS	Resource-Based Relative Value Studies
R&C	Reasonable and Customary
RE	Routine Exam
RICO	Racketeering Influence and Corruption Act
RIMS	Risk and Insurance Management Society, or Resource Information Management System
RFP	Request for Proposal
ROM	Range of Motion
R/O	Rule Out
Rx	Prescription Drugs

## S

S&A	Sickness and Accident
SAE	Supplemental Accident Expense Benefit
SAR	Summary Annual Report
SAS	Statement on Auditing Standards (AICPA)
SDB	Survivor's Death Benefit
SIIA	Self-Insurance Institute of America
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SIFT	Sperm Intrafallopian Transfer
SMI	Supplemental Medical Insurance
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOP	Statement of Auditing Standards (AICPA)
SPBA	Society of Professional Benefit Administrators
SPD	Summary Plan Description
SPECT	Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSN	Social Security Number
SSI	Social Security Income
SSOP	Second Surgical Opinion Program
STD	Short-Term Disability, Sexually Transmitted Disease

## T

TAMRA	Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act
TENS	Electrical Stimulation
TET	Tubal Embryo Transfer
TIN	Tax Identification Number
TMJ	Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction
TPA	Third-Party Administrator
TPL	Third-Party Liability
TQM	Total Quality Management
TT	Temporary Total Disability Benefit

## U

UB-92	Uniform Billing –1992 (Claim Form)
UCR	Usual, Customary and Reasonable
UNOS	United Network for Organ Sharing
UP	Underpayment
UPS	Uninterrupted Power Supply
UR	Utilization Review
USP	United States Pharmacopeia
USERRA	Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act
UW	Underwriting

## V

VA	Veterans Administration, Veterans Affairs
VDT	Video Display Terminal
VEBA	Voluntary Employee Benefit Association
VK	Vitek Proplast Implant

## W

WAN	Wide Area Network
WBC	White Blood Count
WC	Workers' Compensation
WHO	World Health Organization
WWW	World Wide Web

**Z**

ZIFT                      Zygote Intrafallopian Tube Transfer