

Complete Healthcare Compliance Manual 2024

Healthcare Compliance and CMS Acronyms

Acronym	Term
A&R	Audit & Reimbursement
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians
AAHA	American Association of Homes for the Aging
AAHP	American Association of Health Plans
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AAO	American Academy of Ophthalmology
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
AAPC	American Association of Professional Coders
AAPCC	Adjusted Average Per Capita Cost
ABA	American Bar Association
ABN	Advanced Beneficiary Notice

ABR	American Board of Radiology
ABS	Annual Beneficiary Summary
AC	Actual Charge
ACA	Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (also PPACA)
ACC	Automated Change Control
ACE	Affiliated Covered Entity
ACE	(Carrier) Automated Claims Examination
ACER	Annual Contractor Evaluation Report
ACMP	Audit/Civil Monetary Penalties
ACMS	Advanced Cost Management Systems
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ACR	Adjusted Community Rate
AD	Admitting Diagnosis
ADA	American Dental Association
ADA	American Dietetic Association

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADAMHA	Alcohol, Drug Abuse & Mental Health Administration
ADG	Ambulatory Diagnostic Group
ADG-HOSDOM	Ambulatory Diagnostic Group Hospital Dominant
ADHA	American Dental & Hygienists Association
ADJ	Adjusted Claim
ADMC	Advance Determination of Medicare Coverage
ADT	Admission/Discharge Transfer
AFEHCT	American Federation of Electronic Health Care Transactions
AFEHCT	Association for Electronic Health Care Transactions
AFHHA	American Federation of Home Health Agencies
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHCA	American Health Care Association
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

AIC	Amount In Controversy
AKS	Anti-Kickback Statute
ALBN	Amount of Last Billing Notice
ALC	Alternate Level of Care
ALOS	Average Length of Stay
ALT	Average Length of Treatment
AMA	American Medical Association
AMASDS	Asset Management & Automated Software Distribution System
AMCS	Automated Medical Coding System
AMRA	American Medical Records Association
AN	Account Number (also A/N)
ANA	American Nurses Association
AOPA	American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association
APA	American Pharmaceutical Association
APA	American Psychiatric Association

APACHE	Acute Physiology & Chronic Health Evaluation
APC	Ambulatory Payment Class
APG	Ambulatory Patient Group
APG	Ambulatory Payment Group
APM	Admission Pattern Monitoring
APM	Audit Priority Matrix
APMA	American Podiatric Medical Association
APME	Advisory Panel on Medicare Education
APR - DRG	all payer refined - diagnosis related groups
APS	Acquisition Planning Schedule
AQI	Audit Quality Initiative
AQL	Acceptable Quality Level
AQRP	Audit Quality Review Program
AR	Accounts Receivable
ASCA	Administrative Simplification Compliance Act

ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange (see ANSCII)
ASCW	Audit Selection Criteria Worksheet
ASH	Assistant Secretary for Health
ASHP	American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists
ASHP	American Society of Hospital Pharmacists
ASHRM	American Society of Healthcare Risk Management
ASIM	American Society of Internal Medicine
ASTER	Automated System for Transaction Exception Resolution
ATARS	Audits Tracking & Reporting System
BA	Business Associate
BAC	Billing Action Code
BMACS	Part B Medicare Automated Claims Systems
BOME	Bureau of Medical Examiners
BP	Business Partner

BPST	Bill Processing System Test
BQAS	Part B Quality Assurance System
BSR	(Part B) Bill Summary Records
BUR	Billing Update Record
CA	Claims Analyst
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAHPS	Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAPS	Claims Automated Processing System (SSA MBR)
CAR	Corrective Action Review
CB	Consolidated Billing
CB	Cost Benefit
CBA	Cost/Benefit Analysis
CBR	Cost Based Reimbursement
CBSS	Customer Billing Services System

CC	Claims Control
CCI	Correct Coding Initiative
CCP	Comprehensive Compliance Program
CCP	Coordinated Care Plans
CCR	Coverage Compliance Reviews
CDC	Center for Disease Control
CDM	(Hospital) Charge Description Master (Files)
CDOC	Covered Days of Care
CDRG	Children's Diagnosis Related Groups
CE	Covered Entity
CERT	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
CHC	Community Health Center
CHC	Comprehensive Health Center
CHC	Continuous Home Care

CHCC	Center for Hospital & Community Care
CHCL	Center for Health Care Law
CHDS	(National) Charge Distribution System
CHHA	Certified Home Health Agency
CHHC	Continuous Home Health Care
CHIM	Center for Healthcare Information Management
CHIME	College of Healthcare Information Management Executives
CHIP	Child Health Insurance Program
CHO	Community Health Organization
CIN	Common Identification Number
CIP	Claims In Process
CLCCP	Comprehensive Limiting Charge Compliance Program
CLFS	Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (of 1965) (Amendments 1988)
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Interstate Act (or Amendments)

CLOE	(Carrier) Claims Only Entry System
CLT	Certified Lab Technician
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center (or Clinic)
CMN	Certified Medical Necessity
CMP	Civil Monetary Penalty
CMPL	Civil Monetary Penalty Law
CMPL	Civil Monetary Penalty Liability
CMPTS	Civil Monetary Penalty Tracking System
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CN	Claim Number (also C/N)
CNH	Community Nursing Home
CO	Change Order
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (of 1985)
COI	Conflict of Interest
COP	Conditions of Participation

CORF	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
CORTS	Calculation of Overpayment Recovery Timeliness System
COSO	Commission of Sponsoring Organizations
CP	Claims Processing
CPAP	Common Provider Audit Program
CPAS	Claims Processing Assessment System
CPM	Claims Processing Manual
CPT	Common Procedural Terminology
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
CPT-4	Current Procedural Terminology, Version 4
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
CR	Change Request
CR	Cost Report
CRA	Contractor Risk Assessment Guide
CREP	Cost Report Evaluation Program

CRF	Change Request Form
CS	Claims Services
DATAMED	Medicaid Quality Control System
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration (or Agency)
DEFRA	Deficit Reduction Act of 1984
DHS	Designated Health Services (Stark Law)
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DME MAC	Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor
DMEFS	Durable Medical Equipment Fee Schedule
DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic, Orthotics, and Supplies
DMERC	Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
DOD	Department of Defense
DOJ	Department of Justice
DRG	Diagnostic Related Group (patients with similar illness)
DSCSA	Drug Supply Chain Security Act

DSH	Disproportionate Share Hospital
DSM	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual
DSM-IV	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Edition
EACH	Essential Access Community Hospital
ED	Emergency Department
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EFTS	Electronic File Transfer System (GHP large volume transfer to HDC)
EFTS	Electronic Funds Transfer System
EH	Emergency Hospital
EMB	Eligible Medicare Beneficiary
EMEVS	Electronic Medicaid Eligibility Verification System
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act or Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act
EOB	Explanation of Benefits

EOC	Episode of Care
EOMB	Explanation of Medical Benefits
ePHI	Electronic Protected Health Information
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act
ERM	Enterprise Risk Management
EVS	Eligibility Verification System
EWU	Equivalent Work Unit
F&A	Fraud & Abuse
FAH	Federation of American Hospitals
FAHS	Federation of American Health Systems
FAP	Financial Assistance Policy
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCA	False Claims Act
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
FERA	Fraud Enforcement Recovery Act

FERPA	Family Education Privacy Rights Act
FFS	Fee for Service
FMV	Fair Market Value
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FSGO	Federal Sentencing Guidelines for Organizations
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
GAO	Government Accounting Office
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
GHP	Group Health Plan
GHPPS	Group Health Plan Payment System
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
GPO	Group Purchasing Organization
GSA	General Services Administration

HAASC	Hospital Affiliated Ambulatory Surgical Center
HBP	Hospital Based Physician
HCE	Hybrid Covered Entity
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HCPC	HCFA Common Procedure Code
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
HCQII	Health Care Quality Improvement Initiative
HCQIP	Health Care Quality Improvement Program
HEAT	Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Team
HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Association
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHABN	Home Health Advanced Beneficiary Notice
HHC	Home Health Care
HHQI	Home Health Quality Initiative
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services

HHS	Home Health Services
HIM	Health Information Management
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996
HPMP	Hospital Payment Monitoring Program
HPMS	Health Plan Management System
HIPPS	Health Insurance Prospective Payment System, a CMS payment code system
HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
HITRUST	Health Information Trust Alliance
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HMO/CMP	HMO Competitive Medical Plan
HMODR	CMS Medicare Outpatient Data Review
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
ICAR	Immediate Corrective Action Required
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification

ICD-10-PCS	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedure Coding System
ICF	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
ICR	Incomplete Claims Reject
IP/SNF	Inpatient SNF
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IRO	Independent Review Organization
IRP	Incentive Reward Program
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
JC/JCAHO	Joint Commission or Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
L-H	Labor Hour
LCD	Local Coverage Determination
LEIE	List of Excluded Individuals & Entities
LoProCo	Low Probability of Compromise (in HIPAA)
LTC	Long Term Care

LTCF	Long Term Care Facility
LTCU	Long Term Care Unit
M&M	Medicare & Medicaid
M+C	Medicare + Choice
M+C NSF	Medicare + Choice National Standard Format
M+CO	Medicare + Choice Organization
MA	Medicaid Agency
MA	Medicare Advantage (formerly Medicare+Choice)
MA BSF	Medicare Advantage Benefit Stabilization Fund
MA-PD	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MAO	Medicare Advantage Organization
MAPD	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug
MBD	Medicaid Beneficiary Database
MBN	Medicare Benefit Notice

MCE	Medicare Code Editor
MCM	Medicare Carrier Manual
MC	Medicare
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MCPS	Medicare (Part A) Claims Processing System (Veritus)
MCS	Mandatory Claim Submission System
MDC	Major Diagnosis Category
MDH	Medicare Dependent Hospital
MDSRH	Medicare Dependent Small Rural Hospital
MED-ED	Medical Education
MEDB	Medicare Part B
MEDPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
MFS	Medicare Fee Schedule
MFSDDB	Medicare Fee Schedule Database

MHB	Maximum Hospital Benefit
MIP	Medicare Integrity Program
MMCQI	Medicare Managed Care Quality Improvement
MN	Medical Necessity
MPD	Medicare Provider Database
MPDB	Medicare Prescription Drug Beneficiaries
MPFS	Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
MQA	Medicare Quality Assurance (CWF data validation)
MQAG	Medicare Quality Advisory Group
MQC	Medicaid Quality Control
MQM	Medicare Quality Monitor
MR/UR	Medical Review / Utilization Review
MRRS	Medicaid Retrospective Reimbursement System
MSHIP	Medicare Supplemental Health Insurance Programs
MTAG	Medicare Technical Advisory Group

MTOP	Multiple Type of Provider
NAATP	National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
NACHC	National Association of Community Health Centers
NACHRI	National Association of Children's Hospitals & Related Institutions
NAHC	National Association for Home Care
NAHDO	National Association of Health Data Organizations
NAMES	National Association of Medical Equipment Suppliers
NAPH	National Association of Public Hospitals
NAPHS	National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems
NARA	National Association of Rehabilitation Agencies
NARF	National Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NASMD	National Association of State Medicaid Directors
NCCLS	National Council of Clinical Laboratory Services
NCD	National Coverage Determination

NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCQHC	National Committee for Quality Health Care
NDC	National Drug Code
NDPS	National Drug Pricing System
NH	Nursing Home
NHA	Nursing Home Administrator
NHB	National Health Board
NHO	National Hospice Organization
NIA	National Institute on Aging
NIAID	National Institute of Allergies & Infectious Diseases
NIAMSD	National Institute of Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Diseases
NIDA	National Institute on Drug Abuse
NIDDKD	National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive & Kidney Diseases
NIDR	National Institute of Dental Research

NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIMBE	Not Including Medicare Benefits Exhausted
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
NIMMS	National Integrated Medicaid Management System
NINDS	National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health
NIST	National Institute of Standards & Technology
NLN	National League of Nursing
NMC	National Maintenance Contractor
NME	National Medical Enterprises
NMEP	National Medicare Education Program
NMFA	National Medicare Fraud Alert
NMFAI	National Medicaid Fraud & Abuse Institute
NMUD	National Medicare Utilization Database
NODMAR	Notice of Discharge & Medicare Appeal Rights

NOU	Notice of Utilization
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NP/PA	Nurse Practitioners / Physician Assistants
NPF	National Provider File
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPRM	National Provider Reimbursement Manual
NRC	National Research Council
NTH	NonTransplant Hospital
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee
OAC	OASIS Automation Coordinator
OASIS	Outcome & Assessment Information Set
OBQI	Outcome Based Quality Improvement
OBQIM	Outcome Based Quality Improvement Management
OBQM	Outcome Based Quality Monitoring
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

OCE	Outpatient Code Editor (System)
OCESAA	Omnibus Consolidated & Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 1999
OCFAA	Office of Civil Fraud & Administrative Adjudication
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
ODL	Outpatient Diagnostic Laboratory
OEP	Open Enrollment Period
OFCCP	Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs
OGE	Office of Government Ethics
OHCA	Organized Health Care Arrangements
OHRP	Office for Human Research Protections
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OLTC	Other Long Term Care
OMIG	Office of the Medicaid Inspector General
OP	Outpatient

OP	Overpayment
OPAC	Online Payment & Accounting Collection (System) (Treasury)
OPD	OutPatient Department
OPDIV	OPerating DIVision
ORF	Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
P&E	Parenteral & Enteral
P&T	Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic
P/B	Provider / Beneficiary
PARD	Provider Audit & Reimbursement Department
PARL	Physician/Supplier Assignment Rate List
PART A	Medicare Hospital Insurance
PART B	Medicare Supplementary Medical Insurance
PAYERID	Payer Identification (national provider identifier initiative)
PBC	Premium Billing Code
PBGC	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.

PBIS	PerformanceBased Incentive System
PBP	Provider Based Physician
PCH	Primary Care Hospital
PCP	Primary Care Physician (or Provider)
PCPR	Provider Claims Processing Requirements
PDMA	Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1988
PDP	Prescription Drug Plan
PEBTAG	Provider Electronic Billing Technical Advisory Group
PEPPER	Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report
PFCRA	Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act
PHI	Protected Health Information
PHRMA	Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Researchers of America
PHY/SUP	Physician/Supplier
PIG	Program Integrity Group, OFM, CMS
PIM	Medicare Program Integrity Manual

PIPDCG	Principal Inpatient Diagnostic Cost Group
POC	Plan of Care
POL	Physician Office Laboratories
POMS	Program Operations Manual System (SSA) (formerly Claims Manual CM))
POR	Provider Overpayment Recovery
POR	Provider Overpayment Report
PORS	Provider Overpayment Recovery System
PORS	Provider Overpayment Reporting System
POT	Plan of Treatment
PPACA	Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (also ACA)
PPC	Processing Payment Cycle
PPG	Primary Care Physician Groups
PPS	Prospective Payment System (Medicare Part A)
PPSA	Physician Payment Sunshine Act
PQRS	Physician Quality Reporting System

PRM	Provider Reimbursement Manual
PRMDS	Provider Minimum Data Set
PRS	Payment Reconciliation System
PS&RR	Provider Statistical & Reimbursement Report
PSPRICE	Physician Fee Schedule System
PTA	Part A (of Medicare)
PTAMUS	Part A Medicare Utilization System
PTB	Part B (of Medicare)
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries
RA	Risk Assessment
RAAC	Risk Adjustment Advisory Committee
RAC	Reimbursement Advisory Committee
RADV	Risk Adjustment Data Validation
RAPS	Risk Adjustment Processing System
RAPS	Risk Adjustment Processing System

RAS	Risk Adjustment System
RCL	Routine Cost Limit
RCP	Reasonable Charge Pricing
RCT	Randomized Clinical Trials
RH	Rural Hospital
RHC	Rural Health Center
RHC	Rural Health Claim
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RHP	Rebundling of Hospital Payment
RMFA	Restricted Medicare Fraud Alert
ROAR	Recovery of Overpayments Accounting & Reporting System (SSA)
ROAR	Regional Office Automating Representatives for Managed Care Operations (ROAR for MCO)
RPCH	Regional Primary Care Hospital
RPCH	Rural Primary Care Hospital
RTP	Return To Provider (or Plan)

SA	Settlement Agreement
SMG	State Medicaid Group
SMM	State Medicaid Manual
SNC	Skilled Nursing Care
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOM	State Operations Manual
SRA	Significant Regulatory Actions
SSA	Social Security Act
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSA	State Survey Agency
SSH	Short Stay Hospital
T18	Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare)
T19	Title XIX of the Social Security Act (MAA (Medicaid))
UPL	Upper Payment Limit (Medicaid)
UR	Utilization Review

URAC	Utilization Review Accreditation Commission
WHO	World Health Organization
WPA	Whistleblower Protection Act

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