



Common Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACA	(Patient Protection and) Affordable Care Act
AD&D	Accidental Death and Dismemberment
ADA	American with Disabilities Act of 1990
ALOS	Average Length of Stay
AMA	American Medical Association
APTC	Advanced Premium Tax Credit
ASC	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Auth	Authorization
BOI	Bureau of Insurance
CDHP	Consumer-Directed Health Plan
CHAMPUS	Civilian Hospital and Medical Program of the Uniformed Service. Now known as Tricare.
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (previously HCFA)
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act (extension of coverage)
COI	Certificate of Insurance
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology (Level 1 codes)
DMAS	Department of Medical Assistance Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DOL	Department of Labor
DOS	Date of Service
E & L	Exclusions and Limitations
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
ENT	Ears, Nose and Throat
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EOC	Evidence of Coverage (HMO / POS Plan Documentation)
ER	Emergency Room
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act
FAMIS	Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEHBP	Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan
FFS	Fee for Service
FMLA	Family and Medical Leave Act
FSA	Flexible Spending Account
HDHP	High-Deductible Health Plan
HEDIS®	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HRA	Health Reimbursement Account
HSA	Health Savings Account
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
LOS	Length of Stay
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse



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LTD	Long Term Disability
MD	Medical Doctor
MOOP	Maximum Out of Pocket
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NAIC	National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
Non-par	Not participating (out-of-network)
NPI	National Provider Identifier
OB	Obstetrician
OOA	Out of Area
OOP	Out of Pocket
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Act
OTC	Over the Counter
OV	Office Visit
Par	Participating
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PHA	Personal Health Assessment
PHI	Protected Health Information
POA	Power of Attorney
POS	Point of Service
PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
Pre-auth	Pre-Authorization
Pre-X	Pre-existing Conditions
PSA	Prostate Screening Antigen
PT	Physical Therapy
QHP	Qualified Health Plan
RN	Registered Nurse
ROI	Release of Information
RX	Prescription
SBC	Summary of Benefits and Coverage
SF	Self-Funded
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
ST	Speech Therapy
STD	Short-Term Disability
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982
TPA	Third-Party Administrator
TRICARE	Managed Healthcare System for military families
UCC	Urgent Care Center
URI	Upper Respiratory Infection
WC	Worker's Compensation
WIC	Women, Infants and Children (supplemental food program)
YTD	Year to Date