

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AAA	- area agency on aging
AAPCC	- adjusted average per capita cost
AAR	- adverse action report
ABN	- advanced beneficiary notice
ADA	- Americans with Disabilities Act
ADB	- accelerated death benefit
ADCAA	- Age Discrimination Claims Assistance Act
ADE	- adverse drug event
ADEA	- Age Discrimination in Employment Act
ADED	- Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists
ADL	- activity of daily living
ADR	- adverse drug reaction
	- alternative dispute resolution
AEA	- Adult Education Act
AFDC	- Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AFS	- alternative financial service
AGI	- adjusted gross income
AHRQ	- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AIDS	- acquired immune deficiency syndrome
ALI	- adult learning initiative
ALJ	- administrative law judge
AMP	- alternative mortgage product
AMT	- alternative minimum tax
AMTI	- alternative minimum taxable income
AoA	- Administration on Aging
AOS	- alternate operator service
APN	- advanced practice nurse
APR	- annual percentage rate
APS	- adult protective services
ARM	- adjustable-rate mortgage
ATM	- automated teller machine
BBA	- Balanced Budget Act of 1997
BBRA	- Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999
BCRA	- Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002
BIPA	- Budget Improvement and Protection Act
BLS	- Bureau of Labor Statistics
Btu	- British thermal unit

CACFP	- Child and Adult Care Food Program
CAHPS	- Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Study
CAM	- complementary and alternative medicine
CBBB	- Council of Better Business Bureaus
CBO	- Congressional Budget Office
CCRC	- continuing care retirement community
CDBG	- Community Development Block Grant
CDC	- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDR	- continuing disability review
CEA	- cost-effectiveness analysis
CETA	- Comprehensive Employment and Training Act
CFTC	- Commodity Futures Trading Commission
CHAS	- comprehensive housing affordability strategy
CHSP	- Congregate Housing Services Program
CLEC	- competitive local-exchange carrier
CMHC	- community mental health center
CMI	- consumer medicine information
CMP	- competitive medical plan
CMS	- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNA	- certified nursing assistant
COBRA	- Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COLA	- cost-of-living adjustment
CON	- certificate of need
CPI	- Consumer Price Index
CPI-E	- Consumer Price Index—Experimental
CPI-U	- Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
CPI-W	- Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
CPNI	- customer proprietary network information
CPS	- Center for Patient Safety
CPSC	- Consumer Product Safety Commission
CRA	- Civil Rights Act of 1964 (or of 1991)
	- Community Reinvestment Act
CSBG	- Community Services Block Grant
CSFP	- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
CSRS	- Civil Service Retirement System
CWA	- Clean Water Act
CWIP	- construction work in progress
DDS	- Disability Determination Service
DEA	- Drug Enforcement Agency
DEFRA	- Deficit Reduction Act of 1984
DMEPOS	- durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies
DOD	- Department of Defense
DOE	- Department of Energy

DOJ	- Department of Justice
DOL	- Department of Labor
DOT	- Department of Transportation
DPL	- deferred payment loan
DRA	- Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
DRC	- delayed retirement credit
DRG	- diagnosis-related group
DSHEA	- Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act
DSL	- digital subscriber line
DTC	- direct-to-consumer
DTV	- digital television
EBT	- electronic benefit transfer
ECHO	- Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity
EOCA	- Equal Credit Opportunity Act
EEOC	- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EFAP	- Emergency Food Assistance Program
EFT	- electronic funds transfer
EFTA	- Electronic Funds Transfer Act
EFTPS	- Electronic Federal Tax Payment System
EGTRRA	- Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001
EITC	- earned income tax credit
EMTALA	- Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EOMB	- explanation of Medicare benefits
EPA	- Environmental Protection Agency
EPSDT	- Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
ERI	- early retirement incentive
ERISA	- Employee Retirement Income Security Act
ERTA	- Economic Recovery Tax Act
ES	- employment service
ESG	- emergency shelter grant
ESRD	- end-stage renal disease
ETA	- electronic transfer account
ETC	- eligible telecommunications carrier
ETI	- economically targeted investment
EWG	- exempt wholesale generator
FAA	- Federal Arbitration Act - Federal Aviation Administration
FACT Act	- Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003
Fannie Mae	- Federal National Mortgage Association
FASB	- Financial Accounting Standards Board
FCC	- Federal Communications Commission
FCRA	- Fair Credit Reporting Act

FDA	- Food and Drug Administration
FDCPA	- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
FDIC	- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
FEC	- Federal Election Commission
Fed	- Federal Reserve Board
FEHBP	- Federal Employees Health Benefits Program
FERC	- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FERS	- Federal Employees Retirement System
FGP	- Foster Grandparent Program
FHA	- Federal Housing Administration
FHWA	- Federal Highway Administration
FICA	- Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FMAP	- federal medical assistance percentage
FmHA	- Farmers Home Administration
FMLA	- Family and Medical Leave Act
FOA	- Family Opportunity Act
FOIA	- Freedom of Information Act
FPL	- federal poverty level
Freddie Mac	- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
FSIS	- Food Safety and Inspection Service
FSLIC	- Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation
FSP	- Food Stamp Program
FTA	- Federal Transit Administration
FTC	- Federal Trade Commission
FY	- fiscal year
GAO	- Government Accountability Office
GDP	- gross domestic product
GIC	- guaranteed investment contract
Ginnie Mae	- Government National Mortgage Association
GIS	- geographic information system
GLBA	- Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999
GME	- graduate medical education
GNP	- gerontological nurse practitioner
	- gross national product
GPS	- global positioning system
GST	- generation-skipping transfer tax
HACCP	- Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
HCBS	- home- and community-based services
HCQIA	- Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986
HCTC	- Health Coverage Tax Credit
HDHP	- high-deductible health plan
HECM	- home equity conversion mortgage

HEDIS	- Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HERS	- home energy rating system
HFA	- housing finance agency
HHA	- home health agency
HHS	- Department of Health and Human Services
HI	- Hospital insurance
HIFA	- Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability
HIPAA	- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV	- human immunodeficiency virus
HMO	- health maintenance organization
HOEPA	- Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act
HOME	- Home Investment Partnership Program
HOPE	- Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere
HPSA	- health professional shortage area
HRA	- health reimbursement account
HRSA	- Health Resources and Services Administration
HSA	- health savings account
HUD	- Department of Housing and Urban Development
IAA	- Investment Advisors Act
IADL	- instrumental activity of daily living
ICF	- intermediate care facility
IG	- inspector general
ILEC	- incumbent local-exchange carrier
IME	- Indirect Medical Education
IND	- investigational new drug
IOM	- Institute of Medicine
IPA	- independent practice association
IPP	- independent power producer
IRA	- individual retirement account
IRP	- integrated resource planning
IRS	- Internal Revenue Service
ISDN	- integrated services digital network
ISO	- independent system operator
ISP	- Internet service provider
ISTEA	- Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
IT	- information technology
ITS	- intelligent transportation system
ITU	- International Telecommunication Union
JCT	- Joint Committee on Taxation
JGTRRA	- Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003
JTPA	- Job Training Partnership Act
LCAH	- life care at home

LDC	- local distribution company
LEA	- local education agency
LIHEAP	- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
LIHPRHA	- Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act
LIHTC	- low-income housing tax credit
LIS	- low-income subsidy
LMS	- local measured service
LMSA	- loan management set-aside
LPN	- licensed practical nurse
LRTP	- long-range transportation plan
LSC	- Legal Services Corporation
LTC	- long-term care
LTSS	- long-term services and supports
MA	- Medicare Advantage
MA-PD	- Medicare Advantage plans that include prescription drug coverage
MAB	- medical advisory board
M+C	- Medicare+Choice
MDU	- multifamily dwelling units
MDUFMA	- Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002
MedPAC	- Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MFJ	- modified final judgment
MHPA	- Mental Health Parity Act
MMA	- Medicare Modernization Act of 2003
MNIL	- medically needy income level
MPERS Act	- Management of Public Employee Retirement Systems Act
MPO	- metropolitan planning organization
MQMS	- Medicare Quality Monitoring System
MR/DD	- mental retardation/developmental disabilities
MSA	- medical savings account
MSP	- Medical Savings Program
MVPD	- multichannel video programming distributor
NAESP	- National Association of Elementary School Principals
NAIC	- National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NASAA	- North American Securities Administrators' Association
NASD	- National Association of Securities Dealers
NCCUSL	- National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
NCHS	- National Center for Health Statistics
NECPA	- National Energy Conservation Policy Act
NFPA	- National Fire Protection Association
NGPA	- Natural Gas Policy Act
NHTSA	- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NIA	- National Institute on Aging

NICS	- National Instant Criminal Background Check System
NIH	- National Institutes of Health
NLEA	- Nutrition Labeling and Education Act
NPDB	- National Practitioner Data Bank
NPTS	- National Personal Transportation Survey
NQF	- National Quality Forum
NRA	- normal retirement age
NRRI	- National Regulatory Research Institute
NRTA	- National Retired Teachers Association
NSF	- National Science Foundation
NSSC	- National Senior Service Corps
NTI	- narrow therapeutic index
NTIA	- National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTSB	- National Transportation Safety Board
NYSE	- New York Stock Exchange
OAA	- Older Americans Act
OACSEP	- Older American Community Service Employment Program
OASDI	- Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance
OASIS	- Outcome and Assessment Information Set
OAVP	- Older American Volunteer Program
OBQI	- outcome-based quality improvement
OBRA	- Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
ODS	- organized delivery system
OECD	- Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development
OFE	- Office of Financial Education
OIG	- Office of Inspector General
OIRA	- Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
OMB	- Office of Management and Budget
OTC	- over-the-counter
OTRB	- over-the-road bus
OWBPA	- Older Workers Benefit Protection Act
PAC	- political action committee
PACE	- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PAO	- private accrediting organization
PASARR	- Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Review
PAYGO	- pay as you go
PBGC	- Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
PBM	- pharmacy benefit manager
PCCM	- primary care case management
PDL	- preferred drug list
PDP	- prescription drug plan
PDUFA	- Prescription Drug User Fee Act

PFFS	- private fee-for-service
PHA	- public housing authority
PHO	- physician-hospital organization
PHR	- personal health record
PIPP	- percentage of income payment plan
PNA	- personal needs allowance
PO	- physician organization
POS	- point-of-sale
PPI	- patient package insert
PPA	- Pension Protection Act of 2006
PPO	- preferred provider organization
PPS	- prospective payment system
PRHB	- postretirement health benefit
PSC	- public service commission
PSDA	- Patient Self-Determination Act
PSN	- physician service network
PSO	- provider-sponsored organization
P&T	- pharmacy and therapeutics
PUC	- public utility commission
PUHCA	- Public Utility Holding Company Act
PURPA	- Public Utility Regulation and Policy Act of 1978
QA/QI	- quality assurance/quality improvement
QI	- qualifying individual
QIC	- qualifying independent contractor
QIO	- quality improvement organization
QISMC	- Quality Improvement System for Managed Care
QMB	- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
RAL	- refund anticipation lender
RBOC	- regional Bell operating company
RDA	- recommended dietary allowance
REA	- Retirement Equity Act of 1984
RESPA	- Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act
RHS	- Rural Housing Service
RN	- registered nurse
RSVP	- Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
RTC	- Resolution Trust Corporation
RTO	- regional transmission organization
SAA	- state administrative agency
SAFETEA—LU	- Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act— A Legacy for Users
SBJPA	- Small Business Job Protection Act

SCE	- special care environment
SCHIP	- State Children’s Health Insurance Program
SCP	- Senior Companion Program
SDWA	- Safe Drinking Water Act
SEC	- Securities and Exchange Commission
SEP	- simplified employee pension
SGA	- substantial gainful activity
SGR	- sustainable growth rate
SHMO	- social health maintenance organization
SIMPLE	- savings incentive match plan for employees
SIPC	- Securities Investors Protection Corporation
SLMB	- Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
SMI	- serious mental illness
	- Supplementary/Supplemental Medical Insurance
SNP	- Special Needs Plan
SNF	- skilled-nursing facility
SPA	- state plan amendment
SPAP	- state pharmacy assistance program
SRO	- self-regulatory organization
SSA	- Social Security Administration
SSBG	- Social Services Block Grant
SSDI	- Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	- Supplemental Security Income
TALC	- total annual loan cost
TANF	- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TDD	- telecommunications device for the deaf
TEA-21	- Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
TEFAP	- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
TEFRA	- Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act
TFP	- Thrifty Food Plan
TIP	- Transportation Improvement Program
TPL	- third-party liability
TPO	- treatment, payment and health care operations
TOD	- Transfer on Death
	- transit-oriented development
TRA	- Tax Reform Act
TWWIIA	- Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act
UCE	- unsolicited commercial e-mail
UDAP	- unfair and deceptive acts and practices
UETA	- Uniform Electronic Transaction Act
UI	- Unemployment Insurance
UMTA	- Urban Mass Transportation Administration

UPC	- Uniform Probate Code
UR/UM	- utilization review/utilization management
USDA	- US Department of Agriculture
USF	- universal service fund
USPSTF	- US Preventive Services Task Force
VA	- Department of Veterans Affairs
VAT	- value-added tax
VoIP	- Voice over Internet Protocol
VPS	- (Medicare) volume performance standards
VR	- vocational rehabilitation
WAP	- Weatherization Assistance Program
WEDI	- Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange
WHCOA	- White House Conference on Aging
WHO	- World Health Organization
WIA	- Workforce Investment Act