

Commonly Used Healthcare Acronyms

AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges		Improvement and Protection Act of 2000
AAPCC	Adjusted Average Per-Capita Cost	BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics (of DOL)
AARP	(formerly known as American Association of Retired Persons)	BRN	Board of Registered Nursing
AB	Assembly Bill	CACI	Center for Advanced Clinical Intelligence
ACA	Assembly Constitutional Amendment	CAH	Critical Access Hospital
ACA	Affordable Care Act	CAHSA	California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians	CAHF	California Association of Health Facilities
ACH	Alliance of Catholic Healthcare	CAHAN	California Health Alert Network
ACHD	Association of California Healthcare Districts	CAHP	California Association of Health Plans
ACHE	American College of Healthcare Executives	CAHHS	California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
ACHLIC	Association of California Health and Life Insurance Companies	CAL/ACEP	California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians
ACNL	Association of California Nurse Leaders	Cal NOC	California Nursing Outcomes Coalition
ACOs	Accountable Care Organizations	CalOHII	California's Office of Health Information Integrity
ACR	Assembly Concurrent Resolution	Cal/EPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	CalPERS	California Public Employees' Retirement System
AEP	Annual Enrollment Period	CALS	Consolidated Accreditation and Licensure Survey
AG	Attorney General	CAPG	California Association of Physicians Groups
AGPA	American Group Practice Association	CAPH	California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
AHA	American Hospital Association	CAPHA	California Alliance to Preserve Hospital Access
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association	CAPP	Californians Allied for Patient Protection
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	CAPSAC	California Patient Safety Action Coalition
AHW	Average Hourly Wage	CARE	Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	CAT	Computerized Axial Tomography
AIM	Access for Infants and Mothers	CBH	Center for Behavioral Health (CHA)
AJR	Assembly Joint Resolution	CBO	U.S. Congressional Budget Office
ALoS	Average Length of Stay	CBSA	Core Based Statistical Areas
AMGA	American Medical Group Association	CBSC	California Building Standards Commission
AMA	American Medical Association	CCCC	California Coalition for Compassionate Care
AMI	American Medical International	CCHA	California Children's Hospital Association
AONE	American Organization of Nurse Executives	CCR	Californians for Compensation Reform
APA	American Psychiatric Association	CCHRI	California Cooperative Healthcare Reporting Initiative
APC	Ambulatory Payment Classification	CCS	California Children's Services Program
APG	Ambulatory Patient Group	CDA	California Department of Aging / California Dental Association
APIC	Association of Professionals in Infection Control	CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
APMs	Alternative Payment Models	CDCR	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
ARC	AIDS-related Complex	CDHP	Consumer-Driven Health Plans
ARM	Alternative Rural Model	CDPH	California Department of Public Health
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	CE	Covered Entity
AZT	Azidothymidine	CEHRT	Certified Electronic Health Record Technology
BA	Business Associate	CFLI	Californians for Fair Liability Laws
BAA	Business Associate Agreement	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
BBA	Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (federal)	CHA	California Hospital Association
BBRA	Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (federal)	CHA-US	Catholic Health Association of the U.S.
BC/BS	Blue Cross/Blue Shield		
BHC	Behavioral Healthcare Corporation		
BHP	Basic Health Program		
BIPA	Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits		

CHAIS	California Hospitals Affiliated Insurance Services, Inc.	CPE	Certified Public Expenditure
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services	CPhA	California Pharmacists' Association
CHART	California Hospital Assessment and Reporting Taskforce	CPHCS	California Prison Health Care Services
CHBE	California Health Benefits Exchange	CPIA	Clinical Practice Improvement Activities
CHCI	California Hospital Committee on Issues	CPS	Composite Performance Score
CHCF	California HealthCare Foundation	CoP	Conditions of Participation
CHDP	Child Health and Disability Prevention Program	CPI	Consumer Price Index
CHF	California HealthCare Foundation	CPOE	Computerized Provider Order Entry
CHFC	California Health Facilities Commission	CRA	California Rehabilitation Association
CHFFA	California Health Facilities Financing Authority	CSA	Combined Statistical Areas
CHFT	California Health Foundation and Trust	CSAC	California State Association of Counties
CHHRA	California Healthcare Human Resources Association	CSC	Computer Sciences Corporation
CHHSA	California Health and Human Services Agency	CSHA	California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
CHI	California Healthcare Insurance	CSHE	California Society for Healthcare Engineering
CHIA	California Health Information Association	CWCP	California Workers' Compensation Program
CHIA	California Healthcare Interpreting Association	DCA	Department of Consumer Affairs
CHIN	Community Health Information Network	DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
CHIP	California Hospitals Investments and Publications, Inc.	DGME	Direct Graduate Medical Education
CHIP	California Healthcare for Indigent Program	DHCS	Department of Health Care Services
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program	DHF	Distressed Hospital Fund
CHME	Center for Hospital Medical Executives (CHA)	DHHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (also HHS)
CHOW	Change of Ownership	DIR	Department of Industrial Relations
CHPAC	California Hospitals Association Political Action Committee (and CHPAC-FED)	DLSE	Division of Labor Standards Enforcement
CHPDAC	California Health Policy and Data Advisory Commission	DLSR	Division of Labor Statistics and Research
CHPSO	California Hospital & Patient Safety Organization	DMHC	Department of Managed Health Care
CIHSP	California Institute for Health Systems Performance	DME	Direct Medical Education
CINCH	California Institute for Nursing and Health Care	DME	Durable medical equipment
CJAC	Civil Justice Association of California	DOC	Department of Corporations
CMA	California Medical Association	DOJ	Department of Justice
CMHA	Conference of Metropolitan Hospital Associations	DOL	U.S. Department of Labor
CMHDA	County Mental Health Directors Association	DP	Distinct Part
CMMI	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation	DP/NF	Distinct-Part Nursing Facility
CMP	Competitive Medical Plan	DPHs	Designated Public Hospitals
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	DRA	Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
CMSP	County Medical Services Program	DRG	Diagnosis-Related Group
CNA	California Nurses Association	DSH	Disproportionate-Share Hospital
CNA	Certified Nurses Assistant	DSH	Department of State Hospitals
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act	DSRIP	Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments
COC	Condition of Coverage	DWC	Division of Workers' Compensation
COE	Centers of Excellence	ECA	Extraordinary Collection Action
COLA	Cost-Of-Living Adjustment	ECF	Extended-Care Facility
CON	Certificate of Need	ED	Emergency Department
COP	Condition of Participation	EDS	Electronic Data Systems
COS	Chief of Staff	EHR	Electronic Health Record
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement	ELA	Eligible Legalized Aliens
CPC	Californians for Patient Care	EMC	Executive Management Committee at CHA
CPCA	California Primary Care Association	EMG	Executive Management Group comprised of CHA/Regional Association executives
		EMR	Electronic Medical Record
		EMS	Emergency Medical Services
		EMSA	Emergency Medical Services Authority
		EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
		EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
		EP	Eligible Professional

EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	HEICS	Set
ePHI	Electronic Protected Health Information	HEN	Hospital Emergency Incident Command System
EPO	Emergency Preparedness Office	HFMA	Hospital Engagement Network
ER	Emergency Room	HFP	Healthcare Financial Management Association
ERC	Emergency Receiving Center	HFP	California Healthy Families Program (the state program for the federal SCHIP)
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act	HFP	Children's Health Insurance Program (Healthy Families Program – of HFP in California)
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease	HFPA	Health Facility Planning Area
EVD	Ebola virus disease	HFSSA	Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act
FACEP	Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians	HHA	Home Health Agencies
FACHE	Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives	HHRMAC	Healthcare Human Resource Management Association of California
FAHS	Federation of American Health Systems	HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration	HHS or HHS A	California Health & Human Services Agency
FEDS	Free-Standing Emergency Departments	HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America
FEHA	Fair Employment and Housing Act	HIE	Health Information Exchange
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	HIMSS	Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	HIO	Health Information Organization
FFP	Federal Financial Participation	HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
FFS	Fee-For-Service	HIQR	Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year	HISPC	Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration
FI	Fiscal Intermediary	HIT	California's Office of Health Information Technology
FMAP	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage	HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
FMC	Foundation for Medical Care	HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
FPL	Federal Poverty Level	HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
FPPC	(California) Fair Political Practices Commission	HPA	Health Policy Alternatives, Inc.
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Centers	HPC	Hospital Preparedness Coordinator
FRG	Function-Related Group	HPP	Hospital Preparedness Program
FS/NF	Freestanding Nursing Facility	HPPAP	Healthcare Public Policy Awareness Project
FTC	Federal Trade Commission	HPRM	Society for Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year	HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
FY	Fiscal Year	HQI	Hospital Quality Institute
GAO	U.S. Government Accountability Office	HR	House Resolution
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	HRET	Hospital Research and Educational Trust
GF	Governance Forum	HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
GFs	General Funds	HSA	Health Service Area (or Health Systems Agency)
GHPP	Genetically Handicapped Persons Programs	HSA	Health Savings Account
GINA	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act	HSCC	Hospital Services for Continuing Care
GME	Graduate Medical Education	HVI	Hospital Value Initiative
GNP	Gross National Product	ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
HASC	Hospital Association of Southern California	ICU	Intensive Care Unit
HASD&IC	Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties	IDS	Integrated Delivery System
HAI	Hospital Acquired Infections	IEP	Initial Enrollment Period
HAZUS	HASARDS U.S.	IFC	Interim Final Regulation with Comments
HBOC	Hospital-Based Outpatient Clinics	IG	Inspector General
HC	Hospital Council of Northern and Central California (prefers "Hospital Council")	IGT	Intergovernmental Transfer
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems	IHA	Integrated Healthcare Association
HCCI	Health Care Coverage Initiative	IHFS	Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule (work comp)
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System		
HCQIA	Health Care Quality Improvement Act		
HCR	Health Care Reform		
HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data and Information		

IJ	Immediate Jeopardy	MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
IMD	Institutions for Mental Diseases	MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer
IME	Indirect Medical Education	MSP	Medicare Savings Programs
IMQ	Institute for Medical Quality	MSSA	Medical Service Study Area
IOM	Institute of Medicine (of the National Academy of Sciences)	MSSP	Medicare Shared Savings Program
IPA	Independent Practice Association	MU	Meaningful Use
IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System	MUA	Medically Underserved Area
IPS	Interim Payment System	NAHD	National Association for Hospital Development
IRCA	Immigration Reform and Control Act	NBC	Nuclear, Biological and Chemical
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility	NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
IRS	Internal Revenue Service	NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
IT	Information Technology	NDC	National Drug Code
ITUP	Insure the Uninsured Project	NDPH	Non-Designated Public Hospital
IWC	Industrial Welfare Commission	NAS	National Academy of Sciences
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association	NHIN	National Health Information Network
JCAHO	formerly Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	NIH	National Institutes of Health (of PHS)
LAO	(California) Legislative Analyst's Office	NIMS	National Incident Management System
LCD	Local Coverage Decision	NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
LEMSA	Local Emergency Medical Services Agency	NLRB	National Labor Relations Board
LIHP	Low Income Health Plan	NOL	Net Operating Loss
LIMA	Legalized Indigent Medical Assistance	NP	Nurse Practitioner
LIS	Limited Income Seniors	NPC	Nonstructural Performance Category
LIS	Low Income Subsidy	NPP	Notice of Privacy Practices
LLC	Limited Liability Company	NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
LoS	Length of Stay	NQF	National Quality Forum
LPT	Licensed Psychiatric Technician	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
LTC	Long-Term Care	OAL	Office of Administrative Law
LTCH	Long-Term Care Hospital	OBRA '86 or	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 or 1993
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse	OBRA '93	
MA	Medicare Advantage (formerly M+C of Medicare+Choice) (or Medical Assistant)	OCR	Office for Civil Rights
MARA	Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act	OES	Office of Emergency Services
MAPD	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drugs	OIG	U.S. Office of Inspector General
MBC	Medical Board of California	OMB	U.S. Office of Management and Budget
MCE	Medi-Cal Coverage Expansion	OMHA	Office of Medical Hearings and Appeals
MCSA	Micropolitan Statistical Area	ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
MDS	Minimum Data Set	OON	Out of Network
Medi-Cal	California Medicaid Program	OOP	Out of Pocket
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission	OPO	Organ Procurement Organization
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act (Prop. 63)	OSHA	U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
MIA	Medically Indigent Adult	OSHPD	(California) Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
MICRA	Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act of 1975	P4P	Pay for Performance
MICRS	Medically Indigent County Reporting System	PA	Physician's Assistant
MIPS	Merit-based Incentive Payment System	PAC	Political Action Committee
MIRL	Medi-Cal Inpatient Reimbursement Limitation	PAC	Post Acute Care
MISP	Medically Indigent Services Program	PAC-PRD	PAC Payment Return Demo
MMA	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003	PAPR	Powered Air Purifying Respirators
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	PBGH	Pacific Business Group on Health
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	PBGH	Primary-Care Hospital
MRMIB	(California) Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board	PCMHs	Patient Centered Medical Homes
		PDA	Premier Distribution Agreement
		PDP	Prescription Drug Plan
		PEACH	Private Essential Access Community Hospitals,

PEP-C	Inc. Patients' Evaluation of Performance in California	SHAEF	State Hospital Association Executives Forum
PFFM	Physician Focused Payment Models	SHEA	Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
PFS	Physician Fee Schedule	SHIP	Small Hospital Improvement Program
PHA	Pacific Health Association	SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program
PHI	Protected Health Information	SHOP	Small Business Health Options Program
PHP	Prepaid Health Plan	SJR	Senate Joint Resolution
PHO	Physician-Hospital Organization	SLIAG	State Legalization Impact Assistance Grant
PHR	Personal Health Record	SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
PHS	U.S. Public Health Service	SNF	Skilled-Nursing Facility
PHSG	Pacific Health Services Group	SPAPs	State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs
PIP	Periodic Interim Payment	SPC	Structural Performance Category
POC	Plan of Correction	SPCP	Selective Provider Contracting Program
PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	SPD	Seniors and Person with Disabilities
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment	SRA	Security Risk Assessment
PPO	Preferred-Provider Organization	SSA	U.S. Social Security Administration
PPS	Prospective Payment System	Stark	Ethics in Patient Referral Act of 1989
PQRS	Physician Quality Reporting System	SUBC	Statewide Uniform Billing Committee
PRO	Peer Review Organization	TAHHC	Taxpayers Against Higher Health Costs
PSA	Physician Shortage Area	TAR	Treatment Authorization Request
PSDA	Patient Self-Determination Act	TC	Transitional Care
PSO	Provider-Sponsored Organization	TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982
PSO	Patient Safety Organization	TIC	Transitional Inpatient Care
PSQIA	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act	TIE	Truck Insurance Exchange
QA	Quality Assurance	THF	The Healthcare Forum
QAF	Quality Assurance Fee	TJC	The Joint Commission
QAPI	Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement	TPA	Tissue Plasminogen Activator
QHP	Qualified Health Plan	TQM	Total Quality Management
QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor	TriCare	Military Healthcare System
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization	TrOOP	True Out-of-Pocket costs
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary	UB92	Uniform Hospital Billing Form
QPP	Quality Payment Program	UBIT	Unrelated Business Income Tax
RAC	Recovery Audit Contractor	UHA	United Hospital Association
RBRVS	Resource-Based Relative-Value Scale	UI	Unemployment Insurance
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act	UID	Unemployment Insurance Division (CAHHS)
REC	Regional Extension Center	UPL	Upper Payment Limit
RFP	Request for Proposal	UR	Utilization Review
RHC	Rural Healthcare Center	USC	United States Code
RHC	Rural Health Clinics (CHA)	USPHS	U.S. Public Health Service
RHCAB	Rural Healthcare Center Advisory Board	VA	Veterans Affairs
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organization	VBP	Value Based Purchasing
RPB	Regional Policy Board (AHA)	VM	Value Modifier
RPCH	Rural Primary Care Hospital	WCAB	Workers' Compensation Appeals Board
RRC	Rural Referral Center		
RN	Registered Nurse		
RUG	Resource Utilization Group		
RVS	Relative-Value Scale		
SB	Senate Bill		
SCA	Senate Constitutional Amendment		
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program		
SCR	Senate Concurrent Resolution		
SEIU	Service Employees International Union		
SEPS	Special Enrollment Periods		