



COMMON HOSPICE ACRONYMS	
<	Less than
>	Greater than
A&O	Alert and oriented
A/O	As ordered
ABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice (of Non-Coverage)
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACHE	Accreditation Commission for Healthcare
ACS	Anti-Kickback Statute
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADC	Average Daily Census
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADR	Additional Development Request
ADR	Adverse Drug Reaction
AEB	As evidenced by
AG	Attorney General
ALF	Assisted Living Facility
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
ALOS	Average Length of Stay
AMD	Attending Medical Doctor / Physician
AND	Allow Natural Death
APU	Annual Payment Update
ASPE	Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation
AUSA	Assistant United States Attorney
BBA	Balanced Budget Act of 1997
BFCC	Beneficiary and Family-Centered Care QIO
BID	Twice per day
BIPA	Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
BMI	Body Mass Index
BNAF	Budget Neutrality Adjustment Factor
Cahaba	Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators
CAHPS	Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
CAL	Calorie
CAP	(1) Corrective Action Plan (2) As in Hospice CAP
CASPER	Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting
CBSA	Core Based Statistical Area
CC	Continuous Care / Crisis Care
CCN	CMS Certification Number
CCW	Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CDR	Charge Denial Rate



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CERT	Comprehensive Error Testing Rate
CFR	(1) Code of Federal Regulations (2) Congressional Federal Register
CGS	Cigna Government Services
CHAP	Community Health Accreditation Program
CHC	Continuous Home Care
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CHOW	Change of Ownership
CIA	Corporate Integrity Agreement
CID	Civil Investigative Demand
CLD	Condition-Level Deficiency
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act
CMO	(1) Chief Medical Officer (2) Comfort Measures Only
CMP	Civil Monetary Penalty
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CON	Certificate of Need
CoPs	Conditions of Participation
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CORI	Criminal Offender Record Information
CPI	Center for Program Integrity
CPI-U	Consumer Price Index – Urban Consumers
CTI	Certification of Terminal Illness
CVA	Cerebral Vascular Accident
CWF	Common Working File
CY	Calendar Year
D/T	Due to
DAB	Departmental Appeals Board
DDE	Direct Data Entry
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies
DNH	Do Not Hospitalize
DNI	Do Not Intubate
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DOB	Date of Birth
DOJ	Department of Justice
DRG	Diagnostic Related Group
DX	Diagnosis
E&M	Evaluation and Management (coding)
ECOG	Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (assessment tool)
EHR	Electronic Medical Record



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EC	Environment of Care
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
EOB	Election of Benefits
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
EP	Emergency Preparedness
ERRP	Error Rate Reduction Plan
F2FE	Face-to-Face encounter
FAST	Functional Assessment Staging (assessment tool)
FATHOM	First-look Analysis Tool for Hospital Outlier Monitoring
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCA	False Claims Act
FDC	Federal District Court
FEHC	Family Evaluation of Hospice Care
FERA	Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009
FSS	Fee For Service
FISS	Fiscal Intermediary Standard System
FMR	Focused Medical Review
FR	Federal Register
FY	Fiscal Year
GAGAS	Generally accepted governmental auditing standards
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GIP	General Inpatient care
GJ	Grand Jury
HA	Hospice Aide
HCFA	Healthcare Financing Administration
HCI	Hospice Care Index
HCFAC	Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
HECS	Hospice Experience of Care Survey
HEAT	Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Team
HHA	Home Health Aid
HHS	Health and Human Services
HIC #	Health Insurance Claim number
HINN	Hospital-Issued Notice of Non-Coverage
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIS	Hospice Item Set
HMD	Hospice Medical Director / Physician
HOPE	Hospice Outcomes and Patient Evaluation
HQRP	Hospice Quality Reporting Program
Ht	Height
HVLDL	Hospice Visits in the Last Days of Life



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ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 10 th Revision, Clinical Modification
ICF	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
ICF/IID	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
ICR	Information Collection Requirement
IDG	Interdisciplinary Group
IDR	Informal Dispute Resolution (related to Special Focus Program)
IJ	Immediate Jeopardy
IMPACT	Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014
IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IRC	Inpatient Respite Care
IV	Intravenous
KPS	Karnofsky Performance Scale
LCD	Local Coverage Determination [guidelines]
LEIE	List of Excluded Individuals and Entities
LOC	(1) Level of Care
LOC	(2) Level of Consciousness
LOS	Length of Stay (1) LLOS Lifetime Length of Stay (used in hospice CAP calculation) (2) LLOS Long Length of Stay (3) SLOS Short Length of Stay (4) ALOS Average Length of Stay
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LTC	Long Term Care
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
MAC	(1) Mid-arm Circumference (2) Medicare Appeals Council (3) Medicare Administrator Contractors
MACRA	Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015
MAP	Measure Applications Partnership
MD	Medical Doctor / Physician
MDS	Minimum Data Set (Nursing Facility Assessment Tool)
MEDICs	Medicare Drug Integrity Contractors
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MELD	Mayo End Stage Liver Disease
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Units
MFP	Multifactor Productivity
MHB	Medicare Hospice Benefit
MIC	Medicaid Integrity Contractor
MIG	Medicaid Integrity Group
MIP	Medicaid Integrity Program
MLN	Medicare Learning Network



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MLOS	Median Length of Stay
MMA	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act
MRACs	Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractors
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MVI	Multivitamin
NAHC	National Association for Home Care and Hospice
N/A	Not Applicable
NF	Long Term Care Nursing Facility
N/I	Not Involved
NCLOS	Non-Cancer Length of Stay
NF	Nursing Facility
NGS	National Government Services
NHIC	National Heritage Insurance Corporation (MAC)
NHPCO	National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
NOE	Notice of Election
NOMNC	Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage
NOTR	Notice of Termination / Revocation
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule Making
NQF	National Quality Forum
NYHA	New York Heart Association classification scale
O2	Oxygen
OACT	Office of the Actuary
OBRA	Ombudsman Reconciliation Act
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OMHA	Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals
OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System
ORT	Operation Restore Trust
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OT	Occupational Therapy / Therapist
PA	(1) Prior Authorization (2) Physician Assistant
P&P	Policy and Procedure
P4P	Pay for Performance
PCA	Progressive Corrective Action
PCG	Primary Caregiver
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PECOS	Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System
PEG	Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG tube)



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PEPPER	Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report
PERM	Payment Error Rate Measurement
PGBA	Palmetto Government Benefit Administrators
PHE	Public Health Emergency
PIP	Performance Improvement Project or Plan
PO	By mouth / orally
POLST	Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment
POC	(1) Plan of Care (2) Plan of Correction
PPS	Palliative Performance Status (assessment tool)
PRA	Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
PRRB	Provider Reimbursement Review Board
PRN	As Needed
PRO	Protein
PS&R	Provider Statistical and Reimbursement Report
PSC	Program Safeguard Contractor
PT	(1) Patient (2) Physical Therapy / Therapist
PTA	Prior to admission
Pub. L.	Public Law
Q or q	Every
QAPI	Quality Assessment Performance Improvement
QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor
QIES/ ASAP	Quality Improvement Evaluation System / Assessment Submission and Processing
QIN	Quality Innovation Network
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QM	Quality Measure
QTSO	QIES Technical Support Office
RA	Recovery Auditor
RACs	Previous name for RAs – Recovery Auditor Contractors
R/T	Related to
Recert	Recertification of Terminal Illness
RHC	Routine Home Care
RHHI	Regional Home Health and Hospice Intermediary
RN	Registered Nurse
ROI	Return on Investment
RTF	Relevant Time Frame (in regard to audits and extrapolation)
RX	(1) Prescription (2) Treatment
SBA	Small Business Administration
SC	(1) Spiritual Care (counselor)



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	(2) Subcutaneous
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SFP	Special Focus Program
SIA	Service Intensity Add-On
SIT Score	Self-Identified Threshold (re: pain)
SMRC	Supplemental Medical Review Contractor
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOC	Start of Care
SOD	Statement of Deficiencies
SOM	State Operations Manual
SQ	Subcutaneous
SubQ	
SSA	Social Security Act
ST	Speech – Language Pathology / Pathologist
SW	Social Worker
SVRS	Statistical Valid Random Sample
T&P	Turn and Position
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982
TEP	Technical Expert Panel
TID	Three times per day
TIP	Teaching and Instruction to Providers
TJC	The Joint Commission
TMR	Targeted Medical Review
TOB	Type Of Bill
TPE	Targeted Probe and Educate
TTB	Time-to-benefit
TTTC	Time-To-Task-Completion (re: ADL assessment)
TX	Treatment
UHDDS	Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set
UPIC	Unified Program Integrity Contractor
USC	United States Code
VS	Vital Signs
W/A	While Awake
W/C	Wheel Chair
WK	Week
Wt	Weight
YTD	Year to date
ZPIC	Zone Program Integrity Contractor