

Master ACRONYM LIST



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A

AAAASF – American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities
AAIDD – American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
AAMI – Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation
ABD – American Board of Dermatology
ABHR – alcohol-based hand rub
ABPath – American Board of Pathology
ACIP – Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
ACO – ASPEN Central Office
ACTS – ASPEN Complaints/Incidents Tracking System
ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
ADLs – activities of daily living
AEM – ASPEN Enforcement Manager
AFFF – aqueous film-forming foam
AHCO – Ambulatory Health Care Occupancy
AHJ – authority having jurisdiction
ALF – assisted living facility
ALJ – Administrative Law Judge
ANSI – American National Standards Institute
AO – accreditation organization, or, accrediting organization
AOA – American Osteopathic Association
AOBP – American Osteopathic Board of Pathology
AoC – Allegation of Compliance
APD – automated peritoneal dialysis
APIC – Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology
APS – alternate power source
APU – Annual Payment Update
ARD – Assessment Reference Date
ARO – ASPEN Regional Office
ASC – Ambulatory Surgical Center
ASE-Q – ASPEN Surveyor Explorer-Quality
ASL – American Sign Language
ASME – American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASPEN – Automated Survey Processing Environment

AST – ASPEN Scheduling and Tracking
ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials
AT – active treatment
ATA – atmosphere absolute
AV – arteriovenous
AVF – arteriovenous fistula
AVG – arteriovenous graft

B

BC – Board and Care
BHFS – Basic Health Facility Surveyor
BLSC – Basic Life Safety Code
BMP – basic metabolic profile
BO – Business Occupancy
BP – boiling point

C

CAA – Case Area Assessment
CAH – Critical Access Hospital
CAM – Confusion Assessment Method
CAPD – continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
CARF – Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CASFC – Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children
CASPER – Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting
CBC – complete blood count
CCN – CMS Certification Number
CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CE – Continuing Education
CEU – Continuing Education Unit
CFA – Comprehensive Functional Assessment
CfC(s) – Condition(s) for Coverage
Cfm – cubic feet per minute
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
CFU – colony-forming units
CGA – Compressed Gas Association
CHC – continuous home care
CHF – congestive heart failure

CKD – chronic kidney disease
CLIA – Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments
CMHC – Community Mental Health Center
CMP – Civil Money Penalty, or, civil monetary payment
CMS – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CNA – Certified Nursing Assistant
CoA – Certificate of Accreditation
CoC – Certificate of Compliance
CoP(s) – Condition(s) of Participation
COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CoR – Certificate of Registration
CORF – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
COTA – Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
CoW – Certificate of Waiver
CRBSI – catheter-related bloodstream infection
CVA – cerebral vascular accident
CVC – Central Venous Catheter
CY – Calendar Year

D

DAB – Departmental Appeals Board
DACS – Division of Acute Care Services
DACT – Digital Alarm Communicator Transmitter
dB – decibel
dBA – A-weighted decibel
DCACP – Division of Continuing and Acute Care Providers
DCCP – Division of Continuing Care Providers
DCLIQ – Division of Clinical Laboratory Improvement and Quality
DD – developmental disability
DD Act – Developmental Disabilities Act
DFR – Dialysis Facility Report
DFU – directions for use
DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services
DI – deionization
dL – deciliter
DME – durable medical equipment
DON – Director of Nursing
DPR – Deficient Practice Statement
DRR – Drug Regimen Review
DSMT – Diabetes Self-Management Training

E

eCFR – Electronic Code of Federal Regulations
EES – Essential Electrical System
EHD – Exempted Hospital Discharge
EHR – electronic health record
EIA – Enzyme immunoassay
EMTALA – Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act
EP – emergency preparedness

EPO – erythropoietin
EPS – Emergency Power System
EPSS – Emergency Power Supply System
EQC – Equivalent Quality Control
ERA – Evidence of Recognizing and Addressing
ES – Exempt State
ESA – erythropoietin-stimulating agent
E-Score – Evaluation Capability Score
ESI – Emergency Safety Intervention
ESRD – End-Stage Renal Disease
EU – endotoxin units

F

FACP – Five Alarm Control Panel
FAQ – frequently asked question
FAR – Federal Acquisition Regulations
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
FGL – Finished Ground Level
FI – Fiscal Intermediary
FM – Factory Mutual
FMS – Federal Monitoring Survey
FOIA – Freedom of Information Act
FOSS – Federal Oversight Support Survey
FP – Flash Point
FPR – Fire Protection Rating
FRR – fire resistance-rated
FRTW – fire-retardant-treated wood
FSES – Fire Safety Evaluation System
FSES-HCO – Fire Safety Evaluation System for Health Care Occupancies
FSES-RBCO – Fire Safety Evaluation System for Residential Board and Care Occupancies
FSI – Flame Spread Index
FSR – Flame Spread Rating
FY – Fiscal Year

G

GFCI – Ground Fault Circuit Inductor
GFM – Government-furnished Material
GFR – glomerular filtration rate
GIP – General Inpatient Care
GPM – Gallons Per Minute

H

H&P – History & Physical
HAI – healthcare-associated infection
HBOT – Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
HBV – hepatitis B virus
HCFA – Health Care Financing Administration
HCFC – Health Care Facilities Code

HCO – Health Care Occupancy
HCV – hepatitis C virus
HD – hemodialysis
HEPA – High Efficiency Particulate Air
HFAP – Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program
HHA – Home Health Agency
HHD – Home Hemodialysis
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIT – Home Infusion Therapy
HIV – human immunodeficiency virus
HR – Human Resources
HRQOL – Health-related Quality of Life
HSIL – high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion
HVAC – heating, ventilation, and air conditioning

I

IACET – International Association for Continuing Education and Training
ICC – International Code Council
ICD – International Classification of Diseases
ICF – Intermediate Care Facility
ICF/IIDs – Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
ICHD – in-center hemodialysis
ICU – Intensive Care Unit
ID – Intellectual Disability
IDG – Interdisciplinary Group
IDR – Informal Dispute Resolution
IDT – Interdisciplinary Team
IFU – Instructions for Use
IG – interpretative guidance
IID – Individual with Intellectual Disabilities
IJ – immediate jeopardy
IM – intramuscular
IMO – Institute of Medicine
IMPACT – Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (Act of 2014)
INR – International Normalized Ratio
IPP – Individual Program Plan
IQ – Intelligence Quotient
IQCP – Individualized Quality Control Plan
IRC – Inpatient Respite Care
IRF – inpatient rehabilitation facility
IV – intravenous
IVD – involuntarily discharged/involuntary discharge

J

JCAHO – Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

K

kVA – Kilovolt-Ampere

L

LED – Level of Exit Discharge
LEDs – Light-Emitting Diodes
LPN – licensed practical nurse
LSC – Life Safety Code
LTC – long term care
LTCH – Long Term Care Hospital
LVN – licensed vocational nurse

M

MAC – Medicare Administrative Contractor
MAR – Medication Administration Record
MAT – Measures Assessment Tool
MD – Mental Disorder
MDS – Minimum Data Set
MFCU – Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
Mg – milligram
MJ – Megajoules
ml – milliliter
MMWR – Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
MPD – Mission and Priority Document
MR – Medical Record
MRSA – Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus
MSPB – Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary

N

NA – Nursing Assistant
NATCEP – Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs
NF – nursing facility
NFPA – National Fire Protection Association
NOE – Notice of Election
NP – Nurse Practitioner
NPP – Non-Physician Practitioner
NQF – National Quality Forum
NSAIDs – Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs

O

OASIS – Outcome and Assessment Information Set
OBRA – Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

OGC – Office of the General Counsel
OIG – Office of the Inspector General
OOSP – Outcome-Oriented Survey Process
OPT – outpatient physical therapy
OS&Y – Outside Stem/Screw and Yoke
OSCAR – Online Survey Certification and Reporting System
OSD – Outpatient Surgical Department
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSP – Outpatient Speech-language Pathology
OSSuP – Online Supplemental Support Program
OT – occupational therapy/therapist
OTA – occupational therapist assistant

P

PA – physician’s assistant
PAC – post-acute care
PACU – Post-Anesthesia Care Unit
PASARR – Preadmission Screening and Resident Review
PC – public comment
PCT – patient care technician
PD – peritoneal dialysis
PHB – Psychiatric Hospital Basic
PHQ – Patient Health Questionnaire
PI – Performance Improvement
PIP – Performance Improvement Project
PIV – Post Indicator Valve
PM – preventive maintenance
PO – *porus orus*, “by mouth”
PoC – Plan of Correction
POC – Plan of Care
PoDs – Principles of Documentation
PPE – personal protective equipment
ppm – parts per million
PPM – Provider-Performed Microscopy
PPR – Potentially Preventable Readmission
PPS – Prospective Payment System
PRN – *pro re nata*, “as needed”
PROMIS – Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System
PRTF – Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
Psi – pounds per square inch
Psig – pounds per square inch gauge
PT – physical therapy/therapist
PT – Proficiency Testing
PTA – physical therapist assistant
PTH – Parathyroid Hormone
PTSO – QIES Technical Support Office
PVC – polyvinyl chloride
PVHO – Pressure Vessels for Human Occupancy

Q

QA – Quality Assessment
QAEE – Quality Assurance Efficiency and Effectiveness
QAPI – Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement
QC – Quality Control
QIDP – Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional
QIES – Quality Improvement and Evaluation System
QIF – Quality in Focus
QIO – Quality Improvement Organization
QIP – Quality Incentive Program
QIT – Quality Improvement Training
QM – Quality Measure
QRP – Quality Reporting Program
QSED – Quality, Safety & Education Division
QSEP – Quality, Safety & Education Portal
QSO – Quality, Safety & Oversight
QSOG – Quality, Safety & Oversight Group

R

RACE – Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Evacuate
RAI – Resident Assessment Instrument
RAPS – Risk Adjustment Processing System
RBCO – Residential Board and Care Occupancy
RC(s) – Related Condition(s)
RD – renal disease
RH – relative humidity
RHC – routine home care
RHC – Rural Health Clinic
RICC – Review of Interdisciplinary Clinical Care
RN – registered nurse
RNHCI – Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution
RO – Regional Office
RO – reverse osmosis
rpm – revolutions per minute
RR – Recommendations and Reports
RTA – Regional Training Administrator

S

S&C – Survey and Certification
SA – State Agency, or, State Survey Agency
SA – substance abuse
SADOC – State Agency Director Orientation Course
SAPR – State Agency Performance Review
SCA – Security Controls Assessments
SCSA – Significant Change in Status Assessment
SDI – Smoke Development Index
SETI – Survey Executives Training Institute
SHR – Standardized Hospitalization Ratio

SI – suicidal ideation
SIB – self-injurious behavior
SL – sublingual
SLP – speech-language pathologist
SM – Student Manual
SMA – State Medicaid Agency
SMI – serious mental illness
SMR – standardized mortality ratio
SNF – skilled nursing facility
SOD – State/Statement of Deficiency
SOG – Survey & Operations Group
SOM – State Operations Manual
SOP – standard operating procedure
SPSS – State Performance Standards System
SQ – subcutaneous
SRR – Standardized Readmission Ratio
SSA – Social Security Act
SSD – Social Services Director
SSP – Standard Sprinkler Pendent
SSU – Standard Sprinkler Upright
STAR – Surveyor Technical Assistant for Renal Disease
STC – State Training Coordinator
STR – standardized transplantation ratio

T

TB – tuberculosis
TC – team coordinator

TCT – Training Coordinators' Training
TEP – Technical Expert Panel
THR – Total Hip Replacement
TIA – transient ischemic attack
TIA – Tentative Interim Amendment
TLC – thin layer chromatography
TLW – Time-Limited Waiver
TMP – transmembrane pressure
TPN – Total Parenteral Nutrition
TPP – therapist in private practice
TSat – Transferrin Saturation

U

UFR – Ultrafiltration Rate
UL – Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
UM-KECC – University of Michigan—Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center
UTI – urinary tract infection

V

VRE – Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus

W

WAGD – Waste Anesthesia Gas Disposal
WBT – web-based training
WHO – World Health Organization