

Health Care **Acronyms**

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ACA	Affordable Care Act (Also known as PPACA- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)	CDSMP	Chronic Disease Self-Management Program
ACO	Accountable Care Organization	CG-CAHPS	Clinical & Group Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	CE	Consumer Engagement
AHA	American Hospital Association	CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
ALOS	Average Length of Stay	CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
AMA	American Medical Association	CMMI	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
AHRQ	Agency for Health Care Research and Quality	COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	EBM	Evidence-based medicine
BCBS	Blue Cross Blue Shield	ED	Emergency Department (preferred to ER)
BP	Blood Pressure	EHR	Electronic Health Record
CAHPS	Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems	EMR	Electronic Medical Record
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	FFS	Fee For Service (payment type)
		FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center

HAC/HAI	Health Care Acquired Condition/Health Care Acquired Infection	NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems	NPWF	National Partnership for Women & Families
HF	Heart Failure	NQF	National Quality Forum
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (HIT)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	P4P	Pay for Performance
HIT	Health Information Technology	PAM	Patient Activation Measure
HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (part of the ARRA legislation)	PBPM	Per Beneficiary Per Month
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization	PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration	PCP	Primary Care Physician/Provider
HQA	Hospital Quality Alliance	PCORI	Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement	PDSA	Plan, Do, Study, Act (method used in quality improvement activities)
IOM	Institute of Medicine	PFAC	Patient & Family Advisory Council
IPA	Independent Practice Association	PM/PM	Per Member Per Month
IPFCC	Institute for Patient- and Family-Centered Care	PO	Physicians Organization
LDL	Low-density Lipoprotein (Cholesterol)	PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (also known as ACA – Affordable Care Act)
MU	Meaningful Use		

PPO	Preferred Provider Organization	SSA	Social Security Administration
QI	Quality Improvement	TA	Technical Assistance
R/E/L/G	Race, Ethnicity, Language, Gender	TCAB	Transforming Care at the Bedside
ROI	Return on Investment	VBID	Value Based Insurance Design
SDM	Shared Decision Making	VBP	Value Based Purchasing
USPSTF	U.S. Preventive Services Task Force		

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