

Acronym Handbook

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AAA	Area Agency on Aging
AAALF	American Association for Active Lifestyles and Fitness
AAC	Area Advisory Committee
AAH	American Association of Homecare
AAHP	American Association of Health Plans [Direct Link]
AAHSA	American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (Now “Leading Age”)
AAIDD	American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AAMR	American Association on Mental Retardation
AAPCC	Adjusted Average Per Capita Cost [Definition]
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons [Direct Link]
AASA	Aging and Adult Services Administration
AAUAP	American Association of University Affiliated Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
ABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice
ACCS	Assistive Community Care Services
ACE	Acute Care for Elders
ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians
ACF --	Administration for Children and Families
ACF	Alternative Care Facility
ACHCA	American College of Health Care Administrators [Direct Link]
ACHE	Admission Clearinghouse Enterprise

ACLF -- Adult Congregate Living Facility

ACLF -- Assisted Care Living Facility

ACO Accountable Care Organization (per Health Reform Act 2008)

ACOVE Assessing Care of Vulnerable Elders

ACP Advance Care Planning

ACS -- American Community Survey or Assistive Care Services

ACT Assertive Community Treatment

ACTION Advocates Committed to Improving Our Nursing

ACYF` HHS Administration for Children, Youth and Families

AD -- Advance Directive

AD Alzheimer's Disease

ADA -- Aged/Disabled Adult waiver or American Dental Association

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

ADAPT Alzheimer's Disease Anti-Inflammatory Prevention Trial

ADC -- AAHSA Development Corporation / Adult Day Care

ADD -- Administration on Developmental Disabilities or Attention Deficit Disorder

ADEA Age Discrimination in Employment Act [Definition]

ADI Alzheimer's Disease Initiative

ADL Activity of Daily Living

ADR Adverse Drug Reaction

ADRD Alzheimer's Disease or a Related Disorder

ADS Automated Discharge Summary

ADSA Aging and Disability Services Administration

ADT Admission, Discharge, Transfer

AE Adaptive Environment

AEM	ASPEN Enforcement Module
AFC	Adult Foster Care
AFCARS	Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System
AFCH --	Adult Family-Care Home or Adult Foster Care Home
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AFH --	Adult Family Home or Adult Foster Home
AGH	Adult Group Home
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHC	Academic Health Centers
AHCA --	Agency for Health Care Administration or American Health Care Association
AHEAD	Asset and Health Dynamics Among the Oldest Old
AHEC	Area Health Education Center
AHIC	American Health Information Community
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
AHRQ	HHS Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (previously the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research)
AHS	American Housing Survey
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIG	American International Group
AIME	Average Indexed Monthly Earning
AIP	Annual Implementation Plan
AIT	Administrator in Training
AL+	Assisted Living Plus
AL/RC	Assisted Living/Residential Care
ALC	Assisted Living Community

ALE	Assisted Living for the Elderly waiver
ALF	Assisted Living Facility
ALFA	Assisted Living Federation of America
ALP	Assisted Living Program
ALR	Assisted Living Residence
ALR-RC	Assisted Living Residence-Residential Care
ALR-SRHC	Assisted Living Residence-Supported Residential Health Care
ALS	Assisted Living Score
ALSA	Assisted Living Service Agency
ALU	Assisted Living University
ALW	Assisted Living Workgroup
ALWPP	Assisted Living Waiver Pilot Project
AMA	American Medical Association
AMCRA	American Managed Care and Review Association
AMDA	American Medical Directors Association
AOA	HHS Administration on Aging
APD	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
APDRG	All Patient Diagnosis Related Group [Definition]
APHA	American Public Health Association [Direct Link]
APS	Adult Protective Services
APWA	American Public Welfare Association
AQ	Administrator Questionnaire
ARC --	AIDS Related Complex
ARC--	Associated for Retarded Citizens
ARF	Area Resource File

ASA -- American Society on Aging

ASAP Aging Services Access Point

ASCU Alzheimer's Special Care Unit

ASFA American safe families Act

ASL American Sign Language

ASO Administrative Services Organization [Definition]

ASP Application Service Provider

ASPE HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation [Direct Link]

ASPEN Automated Survey Processing Environment

ASPR Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

ASTCDPD Association of State and Territorial Chronic Disease Program Directors

AT Assistive Technology

ATAC Assistive Technology Advocacy Center

ASTHO Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

ATSDR Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

ATUS American Time Use Survey

AWP Average Wholesale Price [Definition]

B

B&B Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study

B&C Board and Care

BBA Balanced Budget Act

BBRA Balanced Budget Refinement Act

BCBS BlueCross Blue Shield

BCU Background Check Unit

BDS Maine Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services

BEA Bureau of Economic Analysis

Best Friends Adult Day Center in Lexington (social model) or Best Friends Approach (program model pioneered by Virginia Bell)

BHO Behavioral Health Care Organization

BHP Behavioral Health Plan

BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs

BIPA Benefits Improvement and Protection Act

BIW Brain Injury Waiver

BJBC Better Jobs Better Care

BJS Bureau of Justice Statistics

BLS Bureau of Labor Statistics

BOE Basis of Eligibility

BPS Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study

BRASS Blaylock Discharge Risk Assessment Screen

BRFSS Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

BSCI Basic Supplement Criteria Inventory

BSCIP Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program

Bundled Payment Combined payment by Medicare(proposed for 2014 and beyond by health care reform) for services that are currently paid for separately to each provider for the services rendered by that provider.

C

C-II Schedule 2 Controlled Substances

CAC Clinical Application Coordinator

CADR Ryan White CARE Act Data Report

CAH Critical Access Hospital [Definition]

CAHMI Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative

CAHPS Consumer Assessment of Health Plans

CAP -- College of American Pathologists

CAP-- Community Alternatives Program

CAP/DA Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults

CAPTA Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

CARE -- Client Assessment Referral Evaluation

CARE-- Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation

CARE-- Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act

CARES Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long Term Care Services

CARF -- Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities

CARS Community Awareness and Relocation Services

Case Mix Reimbursement system for Medicaid residents of nursing facilities

CATI -- Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview

CBA Community-Based Alternative

CBAI Clinical Baseline Assessment Instrument

CBO -- Community-Based Organization

CBO-- Congressional Budget Office

CBRF Community-Based Residential Facility

CBS Community-Based Services

CC Coordinating Center

CCA Cost Consequence Analysis [Definition]

CCAD Community Care for Aged and Disabled

CCB Community Centered Board

CCCI Community Caregiving Capacity Index

CCD Continuity of Care Document

CCE Community Care for the Elderly

CCHIT -- Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology

CCLC Continuing Care Leadership Coalition

CCPED Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled

CCR Continuity of Care Record

CCRC -- Continuing Care Retirement Community

CDO Consumer Directed Option Medicaid Waiver choice

CDA Clinical Document Architecture

CDBG Community Development Block Grant

CDC HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDDO Community Developmental Disabilities Organization

CDDP Community Developmental Disability Program

CDF Children's Defense Fund

CDPAP Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Program

CD-PAS Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Service

CDR Clinical Data Repository

CDS Center for Demographic Studies

CDSS -- Clinical Decision Support System

CEA Cost-Effectiveness Analysis [Definition]

CEOSC Comprehensive Employment Opportunities Support Center

CERC -- Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center

CERC-- Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication

CETA Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974

CFLA Community and Family Living Amendment

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CHAMPUS Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services

CHAMPVA Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs

CHAP -- Children's Hospital AIDS Program

CHAP-- Community Health Assessment Program

CHC Community Health Center [Definition]

CHCS Center for Health Care Strategies [Direct Link]

CHEC Community Health Environment Checklist

CHES Caregiver Health Effects Study

CHF Congestive Heart Failure

CHI Consolidated Health Informatics

CHIP Children's Health Insurance Program

CHMIS Community Health Management Information Systems

CHR Community Health Record

CHS Cardiovascular Health Study

CHSPR Center for Health Services and Policy Research

CHSR Center for Health Services Research

CHSRA Center for Health Systems Research and Analysis

CHSRP Center for Health Services Research and Policy

CICS Customer Information Control System

CIL Center for Independent Living

CIP Community Integration Program

CIS Clinical Information System

CISS Community Integrated Service Systems

CJTG Critical Jobs Training Grant

CLASS Waiver Community Living Assistance and Support Services Waiver

CLIA Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act

CLTC	Community Long-Term Care
CMA --	Community Medical Associates
CMA--	Cost Minimization Analysis
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CMHS	Center for Mental Health Services
CMHSP	Community Mental Health Service Program
CMO	Care Management Organization
CMP --	Civil Monetary Penalty
CMR	Computerized Medical Record
CMS	HHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (previously the Health Care Financing Administration)
CMWF	Commonwealth Fund
CNA --	Certified Nurse Aide/Assistant
CNPI	Checklist of Nonverbal Pain Indicators
CNS	Community Nurse Service
COA	Council on Accreditation
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COD	Children of the Depression cohort
COI	Cost of Illness Analysis
COLA --	Cost of Living Adjustment
CON	Certificate of Need
COP --	Community Options Program
COP--	Condition of Participation
COP-W	Community Options Program Waiver

COPD -- Cardiopulmonary Disease

COPD-- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

COPE Caregivers' Out-of-Pocket Expense Survey

COPES Community Options Program Entry System

CORE Coalition of Organizations to Reform Eldercare

Cost Report Reports filed by nursing facilities that influences Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement

CPAC Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee

CPCH Comprehensive Personal Care Home

CPI Consumer Price Index

CPOE -- Computer-based Physician/Provider Order Entry

CPP Care Provider Profile

CPQ Care Provider Questionnaire

CPR -- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [Definition]

CPR-- Center for Policy Research

CPR-- Customary, Prevailing, and Reasonable

CPRS Computer-based Patient Record System

CPS -- Child Protective Services

CPS-- Cognitive Performance Scale

CPS-- Current Population Survey [Definition]

CPSC Consumer Product Safety Commission

CPST Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment

CPT Current Procedural Terminology

CPT-4 Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition

CR Care Recipient

CRC Community Rating by Class

CRCF	Community Residential Care Facility
CRCS	Center for Residential and Community Services
CRF	Community Residential Facility
CRpac	Clinical Research Policy Analysis and Coordination Program
CRS	Congressional Research Service
CSAP	Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
CSAT	Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
CSC	Computer Science Corporation
CSE	Office of Child Support Enforcement
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
CSHP	Center for State Health Policy
CSLA	Community Supported Living Arrangements
CSP	Community Supports Program
CSW --	Community Support Waiver
CSW--	Comprehensive Supports Waiver
CTI	Caregiver Training Initiative
CVA --	Cerebral Vascular Accident or Cerebrovascular Accident

D

DAIL	Department of Aging and Independent Living
DALTCP	HHS Office of Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy
DBHR	Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery
DBNA	Data Base News in Aging
DBTAC	Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center
DCA	Direct Care Alliance [Direct Link]
DCBS	Department for Community Based Services

DCC	Data Collection Coordinator
DCCT	Diabetes Control and Complications Trial
DCWI	Direct Care Workers' Initiative
DD --	Developmental Disability
DD--	Developmentally Disabled
DDA	Developmental Disabilities Administration
DDP	Developmental Disabilities Profile
DDRC	Developmental Disabilities Resource Center [Direct Link]
DDS	Division of Disability Services
DDSD	Developmental Disability Services Division
DDSPD	Office of Developmental Disability Services Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
DEC	Data Entry Clerk
DEd	Department of Education
DEHPG	Disabled and Elderly Health Program Group
DH	Disability and Health
DHCA	Department of Housing and Community Affairs
DHCPF	Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing
DHFS	Department of Health and Family Services
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services [Direct Link]
DHMH	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
DHS --	Department of Health Services or U.S. Department of Homeland Security or Department of Human Services
DHSS --	Department of Health and Senior Services or Department of Health and Social Services
DI	Disability Insurance
DMAHS	Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
DMAS	Department of Medical Assistance Services

DME -- Disposable Medical Equipment
DMH -- Department of Mental Health
DMH-- Division of Mental Health
DMR Department of Mental Retardation
DMRS Division of Mental Retardation Services
DMS Department of Medicaid Services
DNR Do Not Resuscitate
DoE Department of Education
DOEA Department of Elder Affairs
DOH Department of Health
DoJ U.S. Department of Justice
DOL U.S. Department of Labor
DON -- Determination of Need
DON-- Director of Nursing
DORS Division of Rehabilitation Services
DPA Diversified Placement Approach
DPAHC Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
DPH Department of Public Health
DPOA Durable Power of Attorney
DPW Department of Public Welfare
DQA Division of Quality Assurance
DQR Data Quality Report
DRA Deficit Reduction Act
DRG -- Diagnostic Related Group
DRI Dietary Reference Intake

DRS Division of Rehabilitation Services
DSH Disproportionate Share Hospital
DSHS Department of Social and Health Services
DSI department of Social Insurance
DSM Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
DSMB Direct-to-Consumer Advertisting
DSPD Division of Services for People with Disabilities
DSS Department of Social Services
DTC Direct to Consumer
DUR Drug Utilization Review
DVR Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

E

EAP Employee Assistance Program
E-ARCH Extended Adult Residential Care Home
EEOC Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
e-HIE Electronic Health Information Exchange
e-MAR Electronic Medication Administration Record
e-TAR Electronic Treatment Administration Record
EAO External Affairs Officer
EAP Employee Assistance Plan
EARC Enhanced Adult Residential Care
EBM Evidenced-Based Medicine
EBP Evidence-Based Practice
ECC Extended Congregate Care
ECCLI Extended Care Career Ladder Initiative

ECF	Extended Care Facility
ECHO	Enhanced Community and Homecare Option
ECIN	Extended Care Information Network
ECLS	Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey
ECO	Enhanced Community Options
EDD	Employment Development Department
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange [Definition]
EFI	Electronic File Interchange
EHIS	Electronic Health Information System
EHIT	Emerging Health Information Technologies
EHP	Enriched Housing Program
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EHR-S	EHR System
EIS	Electronic Information System
EITC	Earned Income Tax Credit
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMS	Emergency Medical Services [Definition]
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EN	Employment Network
ENCC	Exceptional Needs Care Coordinator
ENP	Elderly Nutrition Program
EOEA	Executive Office of Elder Affairs
EP	Eligible Professional
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPA--	Exclusive Provider Arrangement

EPC Evidence-based Practice Center

EPIC Evaluation of Practice in Care

EPSDT Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program [Definition]

ER Emergency Room

ERC Enhanced Residential Care

ERISA Employee Retirement Income Security Act [Definition]

ERS Economic Research Service

ES Employment Specialist

ESRD End Stage Renal Disease

ET Expenditure Target [Definition]

ET CHOICES Employment and Training Choices Supported Work Program

ETA Employment and Training Administration

ETP Employment Training Panel

EVR Enhanced Vocational Rehabilitation

EXSPED Expanded Service Payments for Elderly and Disabled program

F

FA Fiscal Agent

FACCT Foundation for Accountability [Definition]

FAEP Federal Advisory Expert Panel

FAET Federal Adverse Events Task Force

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

FARS Fatality Analysis Reporting System

FAST Functional Assessment Staging Criteria

FBI U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation

FBR Federal Benefit Rate

FCA	Family Caregiver Alliance
FDA	HHS Food and Drug Administration
FEHBP	Federal Employees Health Benefits Program [Definition]
FEIN	Federal Employment Information Act
FEMA	U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency
FFP	Federal Financial Participation
FFS --	Fee For Service
FHA	Fair Housing Act
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FIA	Family Independence Agency
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FICAP	Firearm Injury Center at Penn
FICC	Federal Interagency Coordinating Council
FICS	Family and Individual Consultation and Support
FIM	Functional Independence Measure
FIP	Family Independence Program
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FMAP	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage
FMLA	Family and Medical Leave Act [Definition]
FPCG	Female Primary Caregiver
FPECA	Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging
FPL	Federal Poverty Level [Definition]
FPO	Future Purchase Option
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center [Definition]
FSA	Family Support Administration

FSII(R) Functional Status Rating Scale

FSL Family and Supported Living

FSW Family Support Waiver

FTC Federal Trade Commission

FTE -- Full Time Employee

FY Fiscal Year

G

GA -- General Assistance

GAAP Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

GAFC Group Adult Foster Care

GAIN Greater Avenues for Independence

GAO -- U.S. General Accounting Office (now the U.S. Government Accountability Office)

GEC Geriatrics and Extended Care

GED General Educational Development/General Equivalency Diploma

GEE Generalized Estimating Equation

GEM Geriatrics Evaluation and Measurement unit

GeMCRIS Genetic Modification Clinical Research Information System

GHAA Group Health Association of America

GHP Green House Project

GIC General Insurance Commission

GINA Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

GIS Geographic Information System

GME Graduate Medical Education [Definition]

GNP Geriatric Nurse Practitioner

GPCI Geographic Practice Cost Indexes

GRH Group Residential Housing
GST Group Skills Training
GUI Graphical User Interface
GVF General Variance Function
GWU George Washington University

H

H&P History And Physical
HAA Hospice Association of America
HAB HIV/AIDS Bureau
HAN Healthy Aging Network
HBPC Hospital-Based Primary Care
HCB Home and Community-Based Care Waiver
HCB-DD waiver Home and Community-Based Services for the Developmentally Disabled waiver
HCBS Home and Community-Based Services [Definition]
HCE Home Care for the Elderly
HCFA HHS Health Care Financing Administration (now the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
HCPCS Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System
HCPR University of Colorado Division of Health Care Policy and Research
HCS-O waiver Home and Community-Based Services OBRA waiver
HCUP QIs Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project Quality Indicators [Definition]
HDS Health Delivery System
HECM Home Equity Conversion Mortgage
HEN Health Enterprise Network (Louisville org. for employers and health providers)
HEDIS Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set [Definition]
HERO Homecare Empowerment, Research and Organizing

HFAM	Health Facilities Association of Maryland
HFD	Health Facilities Division
HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Association
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice for Home Health Care Services
HHANES	Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
HHC	Health and Hospitals Corporation
HHRG	Home Health Resource Group
HHS --	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [Direct Link]
HHSC	Health and Human Services Commission
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America [Direct Link]
HIC	Health Insurance Claim
HID	Health Improvement Division
HIE	Health Information Exchange
HIEN	Health Information Exchange Network
HIFA	Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability [Definition]
HIMSS --	Health Information and Management Systems Society
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act [Definition]
HIPC	Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative [Definition]
HIS	Health Insurance Study
HISKEW	Health Insurance Skeleton Eligibility Write-off
HIT	Health Information Technology
HITSP	Health Information Technology Standards Panel
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMC	Health Management Consultants

HMO -- Health Maintenance Organization [Definition]

HMO-- Health Management Organization

HMO-- Healthcare Management Organization

HMSA Health Manpower Shortage Area [Definition]

HOPE Health Opportunities for People Everywhere (also known as Project HOPE)

HOS Medicare Health Outcomes Survey

HPRD Hours Per Resident Day

HR Human Resources

HRA -- Health Risk Appraisal

HRA Human Resources Administration

HRC Human Rights Commission

HRCA Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged

HRQL Health-Related Quality of Life [Definition]

HRS -- Health and Retirement Study

HRS-- Health and Retirement Survey

HRSA -- Health and Retirement Savings Accounts

HRSA-- Health Resources and Services Administration

HSA -- Health Savings Account

HSA-- Health Systems Agency [Definition]

HSLs High School Longitudinal Study

HSP Health Systems Plan

HSRA Human Subject Research Subcommittee

HSRI Human Services Research Institute

HTA Health Technology Assessment [Definition]

HUD U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

I

I&DD --	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
I & DD--	Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities
I&R	Information and Referral
IAA	Intra-Agency Agreement
IADL	Instrumental Activity of Daily Living [Definition]
IAHSA	Iowa Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
IBC --	Institutional Biosafety Committee
IBC--	International Building Code
ICA	Iowa Caregivers Association
ICAP	Inventory for Client and Agency Planning
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, ninth edition (Clinical Modification)
ICDR	Interagency Committee on Disability Research
ICE	International Collaborative Effort
ICF --	Intermediate Care Facility [Definition]
ICF--	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
ICF/MR or	
ICF-MR --	Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation
ICIDH	International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities, and Handicaps
ICNP	International Classification of Nursing Practice
ICP	Institutional Care Program
ICS	Informal Caregiver Supplement
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDR	Informal Dispute Resolution

IDT	Inter-disciplinary Team
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IES	Institute of Education Sciences
IFAS	Institute for the Future of Aging Services
IFS	Individual and Family Support
IGCLTC	Intra-Governmental Council on Long Term Care
IHC	Intermountain Health Care
IHIE	Indiana Health Information Exchange
IHPS	Institute for Health Policy Solutions [Direct Link]
IHSS	In-Home Supportive Services
IJO	Investment in Job Opportunities
ILC	Independent Living Center
ILP	Independent Living Partnership
ILRU	Independent Living Research Utilization [Direct Link]
ILTC	Institutional Long-Term Care
ILTCP	Inventory of Long-Term Care Places
ILTCRP	Inventory of Long Term Care Residential Places
IMD --	Institution for Mental Disease
IMD-	Institution of Mental Disease
IMSA	Insurance Marketplace Standards Association
INPC	Indianapolis Network for Patient Care
IO Waiver	Individual Options waiver
IoG	Institute of Gerontology
IOM	Institute of Medicine
IPC	National Medical Expenditure Survey, Institutional Population Component

IPF Inpatient Psychiatric Facility

IPPE Initial Preventive Physical Examination

IPR Independent Professional Review

IPS -- Individual Placement and Support

IPS-- Individualized Placement and Support

IPS-- Interim Payment System

IPV Intimate Partner Violence

IRA Individual Retirement Account

IRB Institutional Review Board

IRC Internal Revenue Code

IRF-PAI -- Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument

IRF-PAI-- Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility-Patient Assessment Instrument

IRS Internal Revenue Service

ISN -- Integrated Service Networks

ISN-- Intense Skilled Nursing

ISO Intermediary Services Organization

ISP -- Individual Support Plan

ISP- Individualized Service Plan

ISSA International Social Security Administration

IT Information Technology

IV Intravenous

IU Indiana University

IUF Internal Use File

J

JACC Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving

JAMA Journal of the American Medical Association [Direct Link]
JCAHO -- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JCARR Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review
JEOA Journalists Exchange on Aging
JFO Joint Field Office
JHHA Jewish Home and Hospital Agency
JHLS Jewish Home and Hospital Lifecare System

K

K4A Kentucky Association of Area Agencies on Aging
KAHCF Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities
KAHSA Kentucky association of (not for profit) Homes and Services for the Aging – **Now Leading Age**
KALFA Kentucky Assisted Living Facilities Association
KHC Kentucky Housing Corporation
KHCA Kentucky Home Care Association
KMAP Kentucky Medical Assistance Program-(formal name for Medicaid in KY.)

L

L&C Licensing and Certification
LAH waiver Living At Home waiver
LC Licensed Counselor
LCSW Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LDS Limited Data Set
Leading Age Formerly KAHSA- (trade association representing faith based and mission driven long term care providers)
LEIE List of Excluded Individuals/Entities
LMA Limited Medication Administration
LMH Limited Mental Health

LMS	Lifetime Maximum Structure
LN --	Licensed Nurse
LN--	Licensed Nursing
LNS	Limited Nursing Service
LOC	Level of Care [Definition]
LOI	Letter of Intent
LOINC	Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes
LOS	Length of Stay
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LRA	Laguna Research Associates
LSIA	Life Satisfaction Index A
LSOA	Longitudinal Study of Aging
LST	Life Safety Code
LTAC	Long-Term Acute Care
LTC	Long-Term Care
LTCF	Long term Care Facility
LTCI	Long-Term Care Insurance
LTC PSU	Long-Term Care Primary Sampling Units
LTC NR PSU	Long-Term Care Non-Self Representing Primary Sampling Units
LTC Partnership KY program	for qualified LTC insurance plans to shield contract holders from Medicaid spend-down requirements through innovative coverage design.
LTC SR PSU	Long-Term Care Self-Representing Primary Sampling Units
LTCCS	Long Term Care Consultation Service
LTD	Long Term Disability Insurance
M	
M+C	Medicare+Choice

M&E	Management and Evaluation
MA	Medicare Advantage
MAA	Medical Assistance to the Aged
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MADL	Mobility Activity of Daily Living
MANPHA	Mid-Atlantic Non-Profit Health and Housing Association
MAO	Medicare Advantage Organization
MAR	Medication Administration Record
MAS	Maintenance Assistance Status
MC	Managed Care
MCARE	National Clearinghouse on Managed Care and Long-Term Supports and Services for People with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families [Direct Link]
MCBS	Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MCS	Multiple Chemical Sensitivity
MDCP	Medically Dependent Children's Program
MDS --	Managed Delivery System
MDS	Minimum Data Set
MDS-ALS	Minimum Data Set-Assisted Living Services
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MEPS	Medical Expenditure Panel Survey
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MH	Mental Health
MHA	Mental Health Authority
MHBG	Mental Health Block Grant

MHMA Mental Health Management of America

MH/SA or

MHSA Mental Health and Substance Abuse

MIG Medicaid Infrastructure Grant

MIN Moving Ideas Network

MIPPA Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act

MIS -- Management Information System

MIS-- Medicaid Information Service

MIS-- Medical Information System

MLN Medicare Learning Network

MLTC Managed Long-Term Care

MMA Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act

MMIS Medicaid Management Information System

MMSE Mini-Mental State Examination

MOCDD waiver Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities waiver

MOU Memorandum of Understanding

MPAF Medicare PPS Assessment Form

MPFS Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

MPI Master Patient Index

MPPC Maine Primary Partners in Caregiving

MQA Medical Quality Assurance

MR -- Medical Review

MR/DD -- Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities

MRC -- Managed Residential Community

MRC-- Medicare Rights Center [Direct Link]

MREP Medicare Remit Easy Print
MRHFP Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program
MRI -- Medical Records Institute
MRI-- Myers Research Institute
MRLA Mental Retardation Local Authority
MSA -- Metropolitan Statistical Area
MSA-- Minnesota Supplemental Aid
MSDS Material Safety Data Sheets
MSHDA Michigan State Housing Development Authority
MSHO Minnesota Senior Health Options
MSO Multi-Service Organization
MSQ Mental State Questionnaire
MSIS Medicaid Statistical Information System
MSO Managed Services Organization
MSQ Mental Status Questionnaire
MTE Maximum Taxable Earning
MVR Motor Vehicle Record

N

N4A National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
NAC National Advisory Council
NACCHO National Association of City and County Health Officials
NADDC National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils [Direct Link]
NAHC National Association for Home Care
NAIC National Association of Insurance Commissioners [Direct Link]
NAMCS National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey

NAPAS National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems

NAPHS National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems

NAS National Academy of Sciences

NASDDDS National Association of State Departments of Developmental Disability Services

NASDDDS-- National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services

NASHP National Academy for State Health Policy

NASMHPD National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors [Direct Link]

NASUA National Association of State Units on Aging

NCAL National Center for Assisted Living

NCANDS National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System

NCCC National Chronic Care Consortium [Direct Link]

NCCNHR National Citizen's Coalition for Nursing Home Reform

NCD National Council on Disability [Direct Link]

NCEA National Center on Elder Abuse

NCHIT National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

NCHS HHS/CDC National Center for Health Statistics

NCHSD National Consortium for Health Systems Development

NCHSR National Center for Health Services Research

NCI National Cancer Institute

NCMRR National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research

NCOA National Council on the Aging [Direct Link]

NCQA National Committee for Quality Assurance [Definition]

NCRC National Consortium and Resource Center

NCRF National Center of Residential Facilities

NCRR National Center for Research Resources

NCS	National Comorbidity Survey
NCS-A	National Comorbidity Survey for Adolescents
NCS-R	National Comorbidity Survey Replication
NCSBN	National Council of State Boards of Nursing
NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
NCVS	National Crime Victimization Survey
NDC	National Drug Code
NDI	National Death Index
NEA	National Endowment for the Arts
NECLC	National Emergency Child Locator Center
NEISS-AIP	National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program
NELS	National Education Longitudinal Study
NF	Nursing Facility
NFCSP	National Family Caregiver Support Program
NGA	National Governors Association
NH	Nursing Home Bed- a special license for skilled nursing care beds ONLY allowed in CCRCs; can be certified for Medicare but not Medicaid [Definition]
NHAMCS	National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey
NHANES	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
NHATS	National Health and Aging Trends Study
NHC	Nursing Home Component
NHCS	National Health Care Survey
NHCU	Nursing Home Care Unit
NHD	Nursing Home Diversion waiver
NHDS	National Hospital Discharge Survey

NHES National Household Education Survey

NHHCS National Home and Hospice Care Survey

NHIC National Health Information Center

NHII National Health Information Infrastructure

NHIN National Health Information Network

NHIS National Health Interview Survey

NHIS-D -- National Health Interview Survey Disability Supplement

NHIS-D-- National Health Interview Survey on Disability

NHO National Hospice Organization

NHOPP National Hospice Outcomes Planning Project

NHRA Nursing Home Reform Act

NHS -- National Health Services

NHS-- National Hospice Study

NHTSA National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration

NIA HHS/NIH National Institute on Aging

NIAAA National Institute Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse

NIBRS National Incident-Based Reporting System

NIC National Investment Conference

NIDA National Institute of Drug Abuse

NIDRR National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

NIFL National Institute for Literacy

NIH National Institutes of Health

NIMH National Institute of Mental Health

NINR National Institute for Nursing Research

NIS National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect

NISH	National Industries for the Severely Handicapped
NLTCS	National Long-Term Care Survey
NLM	National Library of Medicine
NLRA	National Labor Relations Act
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board
NLS	National Longitudinal Survey
NLTCS	National Long-Term Care Survey
NLTS	National Longitudinal Transition Study
NMCES	National Medical Care Expenditure Survey
NMCUES	National Medical Care Utilization and Expenditure Survey
NMES	National Medical Expenditures Survey
NMFS	National Mortality Followback Survey
NNHS	National Nursing Home Survey
NOFA	Notice of Fund Allocation
NORC --	National Opinion Research Center
NORC--	Naturally Occurring Retirement Community
NORS	National Ombudsman Reporting System
NOW	New Opportunities Waiver
NP	Nurse Practitioner [Definition]
NPA	National PACE Association
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPP	Non-Physician Practitioners
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NPSAS	National Postsecondary Student Aid Study
NQF	National Quality Forum

NRA Negotiated Risk Agreement

NRC-CWDT National Resource Center for Child Welfare Data and Technology

NRH National Rehabilitation Hospital

NRH-RC National Rehabilitation Hospital Research Center

NRI National Research Institute

NRP National Response Plan

NS-CSHCN National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs

NSA Notification of Study Admission

NCSCL National Senior Citizens Law Center

NSDUH National Survey on Drug Use and Health

NSFH National Survey of Families and Households

NSGA National Senior Games Association

NSPO National Study of Physician Organizations

NSRCF National Survey of Residential Care Facilities

NSRF National Survey of Residential Facilities

NSSATS National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services

NSSCA National Survey of Self Care and Aging

NSV National Survey of Veterans

NTID National Technical Institute for the Deaf

NTIS National Technical Information Service [\[Direct Link\]](#)

O

OAA Older Americans Act [\[Definition\]](#)

OAS Office of Applied Studies

OASDI Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance

OASIS Outcome and Assessment Information Set

OBA	Office of Biotechnology Activities
OBQI	Outcome-Based Quality Improvement
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act [Definition]
OBTP	Outcomes-Based Treatment Planning
OCA	Office of Client Advocacy
OCESAA	Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
ODEP	Office of Disability Employment Policy [Direct Link]
ODPHP	Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
ODS	Office on Disability Services
OHCDs	Organized Health Care Delivery Systems
OHCQ	Office of Health Care Quality
OHDS	Office of Human Development Services
OHIT	Office of Health Information Technology
OHRP	Office for Human Research Protections
OIG	HHS or Kentucky Office of the Inspector General
OIS	Office of Information Services
OLS	Ordinary Least Squares
OLTC	Office of Long Term Care
OMB	U.S. Office of Management and Budget
OMH	Office of Mental Health
OMR	Office of Mental Retardation
OMRS	Office of Mental Retardation Services
ONC --	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
OPAL	Online Psychology Alerting

OPHS	Office of Public Health Services
OPPD	Office for Persons with Physical Disabilities
OPT	Outpatient Physical Therapy
ORD	Office of Research and Demonstrations
ORS	Office of Regulatory Services
ORT	Operation Restore Trust
OSCAR --	Online Survey and Certification Automated Record
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSHPD	Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
OSP	Office of Social Programs
OSS	Optional State Supplementation
OSSC	Oregon Structural Specialty Care
OT --	Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy
P	
P&A	Protection and Advocacy
PA	Physician Assistant [Definition]
PAC	Post-Acute Care [Definition]
PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PACT	Programs for Assertive Community Treatment
PADL	Performance Activities of Daily Living Scale
PAH	Potentially Avoidable Hospitalization (key metric under the Health Care Reform Act)
PAHPA	Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act
PAI	Patient Assessment Instrument
PAL --	Partners for Active Lifestyle

PAL--	PTXT Application Language
PALS	Participation and Activity Limitation Survey
PARC	Practices and Resources Clearinghouse
PAS --	Personal Assistance Service
PAS--	Potential Advantages Score
PAS--	Pre-Admission Screening
PASARR	Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review
PASP	Personal Assistance Services Program
PASS	Plans for Achieving Self Support
PBM	Pharmacy Benefit Manager
PC	Personal Care
PCA --	Personal Care Aide/Assistant/Attendant
PCC --	Parent and Child Center or Primary Care Clinician
PCCM	Primary Care Case Management
PCH	Personal Care Home
PCP --	Primary Care Physician or Primary Care Provider
PCRS	Patient Care Record System
PCS	Personal Care Service
PCSP	Provider Customer Service Program
PDF --	Portable Document Format/File
PDS	Potential Disadvantages Score
PDUFA	Prescription Drug User Fee Act
PEACH	Positive Employment and Community Help
PEG tube	Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy Tube
PEP	Physicians Enhanced Program

PERS Personal Emergency Response System

PETI Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income

P/FDS waiver or
PFDS waiver Person and Family Direct Support waiver

PFI Physical Functioning Inventory

PFTH Program for the Handicapped

PHA Public Housing Authority

PHEP Public Health Emergency Preparedness

PHI -- Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute

PHI-- Protected Health Information

PHP Prepaid Health Plan

PHS Public Health Service

PI Principal Investigator

PIC HHS Policy Information Center [Direct Link]

PIO Public Information Officer

PIRS Patient Index Reimbursement System

PMAP Pre-paid Medical Assistance Program

PMHS Public Mental Health System

PMRI Patient Medical Record Information

PNA Personal Needs Allowance

PNMI Private Non-Medical Institution

PNS Projects of National Significance

POC -- Point Of Care

POC Plan of Care

POS -- Place of Service / Point of Service / Provider of Service

PPA	Preferred Provider Arrangement
PPD	Per Patient Per Day (measure of revenues/costs for each resident daily)
PPD	Tuberculin Skin Test
PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PQ	Partnership Qualified
PQRI	Physician Quality Reporting Initiative
PREP	Preparedness, Enrichment, and Predictability
PRF	Public Residential Facility
PRO	Peer Review Organization
ProPAC	Prospective Payment Assessment Commission
PRTF	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
PRWORA	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation Act
PSDA	Patient Self-Determination Act (Requires health care provider to ask about advanced directives and to provide information regarding state law.)
PSID	Panel Study of Income Dynamics
PSO	Provider Sponsored Organization [Definition]
PSR --	Physical Status Review
PSR	Psychosocial Rehabilitation
PSU --	Prescreening Unit
PSU--	Primary Sampling Unit [Definition]
PSUR	Periodic Safety Update Report
PT --	Physical Therapist / Physical Therapy
PUF	Public Use File
PUNS	Prioritization of Urgency and Need for Services

PWA	People with HIV/AIDS
PWD	People with Disabilities
Q	
QA	Quality Assurance
QALY	Quality-Adjusted Life Year
QAN	Quality Assurance Nurse
QI --	Quality Improvement
QI-	Quality Indicator
QI--	Qualified Individual
QIC	Quality Improvement Consultant
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QIP	Quality Improvement Project
QIS	Quality Indicator Survey (Medicare/Medicaid data collection system)
QIPMO or	
QIP-MO	Quality Improvement Program for Missouri
QM --	Quality Matters
QM--	Quality Measure
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
QMHP	Qualified Mental Health Professional
QOLR	Quality of Life Rating
QPU	Quarterly Provider Update
QRS	Quality Reporting System
R	
R&D	Research and Development
RAI	Resident Assessment Instrument

RAM	Reverse Annuity Mortgage
RAP	Resident Assessment Protocol
RBRVS	Resource-Based Relative Value Scale
RC --	Related Condition / Residential Care
RCAC	Residential Care Apartment Complex
RCF	Residential Care Facility
RCFE	Residential Care Facility for the Elderly
RCH	Residential Care Home
RCHLA	Residential Care Home Licensing Act
RCI	Rosalynn Carter Institute
RCS	Residential Care Setting
RCT	Randomized Clinical Trial
REACH	Realizing Economic Achievement
RF	Rehabilitation Facility
RFI	Request for Information
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFW	Residential Facility Waiver
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organization
RHORC	Regional Health Occupations Resource Center
RIA	Regulatory Impact Analysis
RIF	Research Identifiable File
RIF	Reduction in Force
RISP	Residential Information Systems Project

RM	Residential Manager
RN	Registered Nurse
RO	Regional Office
RPS	Representative Payee System
RR	Relative Risk
RRG	Risk Retention Group [Definition]
RRT	Rapid Response Team
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration
RSN	Regional Support Network
RTAC	Research and Technical Assistance Center
RTC --	Research and Training Center
RTC--	Residential Treatment Center
RTC-MR&HP	Research and Training Center in Medical Rehabilitation and Health Policy
RTF	Residential Treatment Facility
RTI	Research Triangle Institute
RUG	Resource Utilization Group
RVU	Relative Value Unit
RWJF	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
S	
SA	Special Assistance
SACHRP	Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections
SACRR	Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform
SAMHSA	HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAMM	Self-Administered Medication Management
SAP	Substance Abuse Policy

SAPTBG	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
SBA	Small Business Administration
SBHC	School-Based Health Center
SBHI	Small Business Health Insurance
SCF	Survey of Consumer Finances
S-CHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
SCI	Spinal Cord Injury
SCSEP	Senior Community Service Employment Program
SCU	Special Care Unit
SCU-A	Special Care Unit for Person with Alzheimer's and Related Disorders
SDO	Standards Development Organization
SDP	Structured Day Program
SDSD	Senior and Disabled Services Division
SDWP	Self-Determination Waiver Program
SE	Supported Employment
SEBHI	School Enrollment-Based Health Insurance
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance
SEER	Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results
SEP	Service Entry Point
SFY	State Fiscal Year
SGA --	Solicitation for Grant Application
SGA--	Substantial Gainful Activity
SHCC	Statewide Health Coordinating Council
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Programs
SHP	Specialized Health Plans

SHMO	Social Health Maintenance Organization [Definition]
SHPDA	State Health Planning and Development Agency
SILJ	Survey of Inmates in Local Jails
SIP	Survey of Institutionalized Persons
SIPP	Survey of Income and Program Participation
SIS	Special Income Standard
SIFCF	Survey of Inmates of Federal Correctional Facilities
SISCF	Survey of Inmates of State Correctional Facilities
SISCF/SIFCF	Survey of Inmates of State and Federal Correctional Facilities
SJ	Summary Judgment
SLF	Supportive Living Facility
SLMB	Specified Low-Income Medicaid Beneficiary
SLP	Speech Language Pathology
SLS	Support Living Services
SMA	Standard Metropolitan Area
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely
SMHA	State Mental Health Agency
SMI	Serious Mental Illness
SMQT	Surveyor Minimum Qualifications Test
SMWT	Self-Managed Work Team
SN	Skilled Nursing
SNAKE	Special Needs Assessment for Katrina Evacuees
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SNP	Special Needs Plan (similar to PACE capitated reimbursement program for nursing home eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries)
SNOMED	Systemized Nomenclature of Medicine

SNOMED-CT Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine-Clinical Terms

SNU Skilled Nursing Unit

SOA Supplement on Aging

SPA State Plan Amendment

SPD -- Seniors and People with Disabilities

SPD Summary Plan Description

SPD Survey of Program Dynamics

SPED Service Payments for Elderly and Disabled program

SPIA Single-Premium Immediate Annuity

SPMSQ Short Portable Mental Status Questionnaire

SPR Standard Paper Remittance

SPRY Setting Priorities for Retirement Now [\[Direct Link\]](#)

SSA U.S. Social Security Administration

SSAW Supports Services for Adults Waiver

SSB SIPP Synthetic Beta

SSBG Social Services Block Grant [\[Definition\]](#)

SSC Special Services for Children

SSDI Social Security Disability Insurance

SSI Supplemental Security Income

SSL Social Service Law

SSN Social Security Number

SSP State Supplemental Payment

STD Short term Disability Insurance

SUPPORT Study to Understand Prognoses and Preferences for Outcomes and Risks of Treatments

SWPPA Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnerships on Aging

T

T-TAP	Training and Technical Assistance for Providers
TA	Technical Assistance
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
TAHSA	Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
TAL	Tandem Application Language
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TAR	Treatment Administration Record
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TCM	Targeted Case Management
TCU	Transitional Care Unit
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act
TEP	Technical Expert Panel
TEPR	Towards the Electronic Paper Record
TESA	Training and Encouragement for Senior Activity
THCA	Texas Health Care Association
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TILE	Texas Index for Level of Effort
TIP	Treatment Improvement Protocol
TIRR	The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research
Title XIX	Medicaid (Title XIX of the Social Security Act)
TLC	Transition to Life in the Community
TLG	Through the Looking Glass [Direct Link]
TNH	Teaching Nursing Home
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition

TRH Transitional Rehab to Home (short term rehab following hospital stay)
TSP Thrift Savings Plan
TTH Transition to Home (short term rehab following hospital stay)
TTW Ticket to Work
TWP Trial Work Period
TWWIA Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act

U

UC Utilization Control
UCR Uniform Crime Report
UDS United Disability Services
UI -- Urban Institute
UIC -- Unemployment Insurance
UPIN Unique Physician Identification Number
UR Utilization Review
URAC Utilization Review Accreditation Commission
USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture
USERRA Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act

V

VA -- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (previously the U.S. Veterans Administration)
VAMC Veterans Affairs Medical Center
VAWA Violence Against Women Act
VCIS Voluntary Cooperative Information Systems
VIReC VA Information Resource Center
VISN Veterans Integrated Service Network
Vista Veterans Health Information System and Technology Architecture

VNA Visiting Nurse Association
VNS Visiting Nurse Service
VNSNY Visiting Nurse Service of New York
VOICES Victory Over Impairments of Communication, Expression and Speech

VR Vocational Rehabilitation
VR&E Vocational Rehabilitation and Education
VSP Vertical Service Provider

W

WB War Baby cohort
WBT Web-Based Training
WC Workmen's Comp
WEARC Waiver for the Elderly in Adult Residential Care
WETA Worker Education, Training and Assistance
WHO World Health Organization
WIA Workforce Investment Act
WIB Workforce Investment Board
WIC Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children
WIN Welfare Information Network
WLLLW Women Living Long and Living Well
WtW Welfare-to-Work