

Health Care **Acronyms**

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

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

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| 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 | USPSTF | U.S. Preventive Services Task Force |
| SDM | Shared Decision Making | VBID | Value Based Insurance Design |
| | | VBP | Value Based Purchasing |