

ACRONYMS

AAPA	American Association of Physician Assistants
ABN	Advanced Beneficiary Notice
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
ACNP	American College of Nurse Practitioners
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
AMA	Against Medical Advice
AMA	American Medical Association
APC	Ambulatory Payment Classification
A/R	Accounts Receivable
AWP	Average Wholesale Price
CAC	Carrier Advisory Committee
CC	Chief Complaint
CC	Critical Care
CCI	Correct Coding Initiative
CCS	Certified Coding Specialist
CCS-P	Certified Coding Specialist – Provider
CIA	Corporate Integrity Agreement
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNAC	Coding and Nomenclature Advisory Committee
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
CPC	Certified Professional Coder
CPC-H	Certified Professional Coder - Hospital
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
CS	Conscious Sedation
DED	Dedicated Emergency Department
DG	Documentation Guidelines
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DOB	Date of Billing
DOE	Date of Entry
DOS	Date of Service
E/M	Evaluation and Management
EMC	Emergency Medical Condition
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
FCA	False Claims Act
FX	Fracture
GAO	General Accounting Office
GPCI	Geographic Practice Cost Indices (pronounced “gypsy”)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HPI	History of Present Illness
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Disease 9 th Edition
IPA	Independent Physician Association
LCD	Local Coverage Decision
LMRP	Local Medical Review Policy
LP	Lumbar Puncture
LWBS	Left Without Being Seen
MCO	Managed Care Organization

MDM	Medical Decision Making
MEDPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MFS	Medicare Fee Schedule
MLP	Mid Level Provider
MSE	Medical Screening Exam
NCCI	National Correct Coding Initiative
NOPP	Nature of Presenting Problem
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPP	Non Physician Provider
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System
PA	Physician Assistant
PATH	Physicians At Teaching Hospitals
PFSH	Past/Family/Social History
PHI	Private Health Information
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PLI	Physician Liability Insurance
PMD	Primary Medical Doctor
PRO	Peer Review Organization
RBRVS	Relative Based Rate Value System
RHIA	Registered Health Information Administrator
RHIT	Registered Health Information Technician
ROS	Review of Systems
RVU	Relative Value Unit
SGR	Sustainable Growth Rate
TPO	Treatment Payment healthcare Operations
UCR	Usual Customary Rates
UPIN	Unique Provider Identification Number
UR	Utilization Review