



Commonly Used Healthcare Acronyms

AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges	CACI	Center for Advanced Clinical Intelligence
AAPCC	Adjusted Average Per-Capita Cost	CAH	Critical Access Hospital
AARP	(formerly known as American Association of Retired Persons)	CAHSA	California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
AB	Assembly Bill	CAHF	California Association of Health Facilities
ACA	Assembly Constitutional Amendment	CAHAN	California Health Alert Network
ACA	Affordable Care Act	CAHP	California Association of Health Plans
ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians	CAHHS	California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
ACH	Alliance of Catholic Healthcare		
ACHD	Association of California Healthcare Districts	CAL/ACEP	California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians
ACHE	American College of Healthcare Executives		
ACHLIC	Association of California Health and Life Insurance Companies	Cal NOC	California Nursing Outcomes Coalition
		CalOHII	California's Office of Health Information Integrity
ACNL	Association of California Nurse Leaders	Cal/EPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
ACOs	Accountable Care Organizations	CalPERS	California Public Employees' Retirement System
ACR	Assembly Concurrent Resolution	CALS	Consolidated Accreditation and Licensure Survey
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act		
AEP	Annual Enrollment Period	CAPG	California Association of Physicians Groups
AG	Attorney General	CAPH	California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
AGPA	American Group Practice Association		
AHA	American Hospital Association	CAPHA	California Alliance to Preserve Hospital Access
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association	CAPP	Californians Allied for Patient Protection
		CAPSAC	California Patient Safety Action Coalition
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	CARE	Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation
AHW	Average Hourly Wage	CAT	Computerized Axial Tomography
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	CBH	Center for Behavioral Health (CHA)
AIM	Access for Infants and Mothers	CBO	U.S. Congressional Budget Office
AJR	Assembly Joint Resolution	CBSA	Core Based Statistical Areas
ALoS	Average Length of Stay	CBSC	California Building Standards Commission
AMGA	American Medical Group Association	CCCC	California Coalition for Compassionate Care
AMA	American Medical Association	CCHA	California Children's Hospital Association
AMI	American Medical International	CCR	Californians for Compensation Reform
AONE	American Organization of Nurse Executives	CCHRI	California Cooperative Healthcare Reporting Initiative
APA	American Psychiatric Association		
APC	Ambulatory Payment Classification	CCS	California Children's Services Program
APG	Ambulatory Patient Group	CDA	California Department of Aging / California Dental Association
APIC	Association of Professionals in Infection Control		
		CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
ARC	AIDS-related Complex	CDCR	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
ARM	Alternative Rural Model		
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	CDHP	Consumer-Driven Health Plans
AZT	Azidothymidine	CDPH	California Department of Public Health
		CFLI	Californians for Fair Liability Laws
BBA	Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (federal)	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
BBRA	Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (federal)	CHA	California Hospital Association
		CHA-US	Catholic Health Association of the U.S.
BC/BS	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	CHAI	California Hospitals Affiliated Insurance Services, Inc.
BHC	Behavioral Healthcare Corporation		
BHP	Basic Health Program	CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
BIPA	Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000		
		CHART	California Hospital Assessment and Reporting Taskforce
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics (of DOL)		
BRN	Board of Registered Nursing		

CHBE	California Health Benefits Exchange	CRA	California Rehabilitation Association
CHCI	California Hospital Committee on Issues	CSA	Combined Statistical Areas
CHCF	California HealthCare Foundation	CSAC	California State Association of Counties
CHDP	Child Health and Disability Prevention Program	CSC	Computer Sciences Corporation
CHF	California HealthCare Foundation	CSHA	California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
CHFC	California Health Facilities Commission	CSHE	California Society for Healthcare Engineering
CHFFA	California Health Facilities Financing Authority	CWCP	California Workers' Compensation Program
CHFT	California Health Foundation and Trust	DCA	Department of Consumer Affairs
CHHRA	California Healthcare Human Resources Association	DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
CHHSA	California Health and Human Services Agency	DGME	Direct Graduate Medical Education
CHI	California Healthcare Insurance	DHCS	Department of Health Care Services
CHIA	California Health Information Association	DHF	Distressed Hospital Fund
CHIA	California Healthcare Interpreting Association	DHHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (also HHS)
CHIN	Community Health Information Network	DIR	Department of Industrial Relations
CHIP	California Hospitals Investments and Publications, Inc.	DLSE	Division of Labor Standards Enforcement
CHIP	California Healthcare for Indigent Program	DLSR	Division of Labor Statistics and Research
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program	DMHC	Department of Managed Health Care
CHME	Center for Hospital Medical Executives (CHA)	DME	Direct Medical Education
CHPAC	California Hospitals Association Political Action Committee (and CHPAC-FED)	DME	Durable medical equipment
CHPDAC	California Health Policy and Data Advisory Commission	DOC	Department of Corporations
CHPS	California Healthcare Programs and Services, Inc.	DOJ	Department of Justice
CHPSO	California Hospital & Patient Safety Organization	DOL	U.S. Department of Labor
CIHSP	California Institute for Health Systems Performance	DP	Distinct Part
CINCH	California Institute for Nursing and Health Care	DP/NF	Distinct-Part Nursing Facility
CJAC	Civil Justice Association of California	DPHs	Designated Public Hospitals
CMA	California Medical Association	DRA	Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
CMHA	Conference of Metropolitan Hospital Associations	DRG	Diagnosis-Related Group
CMHDA	County Mental Health Directors Association	DSH	Disproportionate-Share Hospital
CMMI	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation	DSH	Department of State Hospitals
CMP	Competitive Medical Plan	DSRIP	Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	DWC	Division of Workers' Compensation
CMSP	County Medical Services Program	ECA	Extraordinary Collection Action
CNA	California Nurses Association	ECF	Extended-Care Facility
CNA	Certified Nurses Assistant	ED	Emergency Department
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act	EDS	Electronic Data Systems
COC	Condition of Coverage	EHR	Electronic Health Record
COE	Centers of Excellence	ELA	Eligible Legalized Aliens
COLA	Cost-Of-Living Adjustment	EMC	Executive Management Committee at CHA
CON	Certificate of Need	EMG	Executive Management Group comprised of CHA/Regional Association executives
COP	Condition of Participation	EMR	Electronic Medical Record
COS	Chief of Staff	EMS	Emergency Medical Services
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement	EMSA	Emergency Medical Services Authority
CPC	Californians for Patient Care	EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
CPCA	California Primary Care Association	EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
CPE	Certified Public Expenditure	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
CPhA	California Pharmacists' Association	EPO	Emergency Preparedness Office
CPHCS	California Prison Health Care Services	ER	Emergency Room
CoP	Conditions of Participation	ERC	Emergency Receiving Center
CPI	Consumer Price Index	ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act
		ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease
		EVD	Ebola virus disease
		FACEP	Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians

FACHE	Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives	HHS	Association of California
FAHS	Federation of American Health Systems	HHS or HHSA	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration	HIAA	California Health & Human Services Agency
FEDS	Free-Standing Emergency Departments	HIE	Health Insurance Association of America
FEHA	Fair Employment and Housing Act	HIMSS	Health Information Exchange
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency		Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
FFP	Federal Financial Participation	HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
FFS	Fee-For-Service	HIQR	Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year	HISPC	Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration
FI	Fiscal Intermediary	HIT	California's Office of Health Information Technology
FMAP	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage	HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
FMC	Foundation for Medical Care	HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
FPL	Federal Poverty Level	HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
FPPC	(California) Fair Political Practices Commission	HPA	Health Policy Alternatives, Inc.
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Centers	HPC	Hospital Preparedness Coordinator
FRG	Function-Related Group	HPP	Hospital Preparedness Program
FS/NF	Freestanding Nursing Facility	HPPAP	Healthcare Public Policy Awareness Project
FTC	Federal Trade Commission	HPRM	Society for Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year	HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
FY	Fiscal Year	HQI	Hospital Quality Institute
GAO	U.S. Government Accountability Office	HR	House Resolution
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	HRET	Hospital Research and Educational Trust
GF	Governance Forum	HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
GFs	General Funds	HSA	Health Service Area (or Health Systems Agency)
GHPP	Genetically Handicapped Persons Programs	HSA	Health Savings Account
GME	Graduate Medical Education	HSCC	Hospital Services for Continuing Care
GNP	Gross National Product	HVI	Hospital Value Initiative
HASC	Hospital Association of Southern California	ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
HASD&IC	Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties	ICU	Intensive Care Unit
HAI	Hospital Acquired Infections	IDS	Integrated Delivery System
HAZUS	HASARDS U.S.	IEP	Initial Enrollment Period
HBOC	Hospital-Based Outpatient Clinics	IFC	Interim Final Regulation with Comments
HC	Hospital Council of Northern and Central California (prefers "Hospital Council")	IG	Inspector General
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems	IGT	Intergovernmental Transfer
HCCI	Health Care Coverage Initiative	IHA	Integrated Healthcare Association
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System	IHFS	Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule (work comp)
HCQIA	Health Care Quality Improvement Act	IJ	Immediate Jeopardy
HCR	Health Care Reform	IMD	Institutions for Mental Diseases
HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set	IME	Indirect Medical Education
HEICS	Hospital Emergency Incident Command System	IMQ	Institute for Medical Quality
HEN	Hospital Engagement Network	IOM	Institute of Medicine (of the National Academy of Sciences)
HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Association	IPA	Independent Practice Association
HFP	California Healthy Families Program (the state program for the federal SCHIP)	IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
HFP	Children's Health Insurance Program (Healthy Families Program – of HFP in California)	IPS	Interim Payment System
HFPA	Health Facility Planning Area	IRCA	Immigration Reform and Control Act
HFSSA	Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act	IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
HHA	Home Health Agencies	IRS	Internal Revenue Service
HHRMAC	Healthcare Human Resource Management	IT	Information Technology
		ITUP	Insure the Uninsured Project

IWC	Industrial Welfare Commission	NLRB	National Labor Relations Board
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association	NOL	Net Operating Loss
JCAHO	formerly Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	NP	Nurse Practitioner
		NPC	Nonstructural Performance Category
		NQF	National Quality Forum
		NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
LAO	(California) Legislative Analyst's Office	OAL	Office of Administrative Law
LCD	Local Coverage Decision	OBRA '86 or	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 or 1993
LEMSA	Local Emergency Medical Services Agency	OBRA '93	
LIHP	Low Income Health Plan	OCR	Office for Civil Rights
LIMA	Legalized Indigent Medical Assistance	OES	Office of Emergency Services
LIS	Limited Income Seniors	OIG	U.S. Office of Inspector General
LIS	Low Income Subsidy	OMB	U.S. Office of Management and Budget
LLC	Limited Liability Company	OMHA	Office of Medical Hearings and Appeals
LoS	Length of Stay	ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
LPT	Licensed Psychiatric Technician		
LTC	Long-Term Care	OON	Out of Network
LTCH	Long-Term Care Hospital	OOP	Out of Pocket
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse	OPO	Organ Procurement Organization
		OSHA	U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
MA	Medicare Advantage (formerly M+C of Medicare+Choice) (or Medical Assistant)	OSHPD	(California) Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
MAPD	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drugs		
MBC	Medical Board of California	P4P	Pay for Performance
MCE	Medi-Cal Coverage Expansion	PA	Physician's Assistant
MCSA	Micropolitan Statistical Area	PAC	Political Action Committee
MDS	Minimum Data Set	PAC	Post Acute Care
Medi-Cal	California Medicaid Program	PAC-PRD	PAC Payment Return Demo
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission	PAPR	Powered Air Purifying Respirators
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act (Prop. 63)	PBGH	Pacific Business Group on Health
MIA	Medically Indigent Adult	PCH	Primary-Care Hospital
MICRA	Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act of 1975	PDA	Premier Distribution Agreement
MICRS	Medically Indigent County Reporting System	PDP	Prescription Drug Plan
MIRL	Medi-Cal Inpatient Reimbursement Limitation	PEACH	Private Essential Access Community Hospitals, Inc.
MISP	Medically Indigent Services Program		
MMA	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003	PEP-C	Patients' Evaluation of Performance in California
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding		
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	PHA	Pacific Health Association
MRMIB	(California) Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board	PHP	Prepaid Health Plan
		PHO	Physician-Hospital Organization
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area	PHS	U.S. Public Health Service
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer	PHSG	Pacific Health Services Group
MSP	Medicare Savings Programs	PIP	Periodic Interim Payment
MSSA	Medical Service Study Area	POC	Plan of Correction
MUA	Medically Underserved Area	PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
		PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
NAHD	National Association for Hospital Development	PPO	Preferred-Provider Organization
NBC	Nuclear, Biological and Chemical	PPS	Prospective Payment System
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics	PRO	Peer Review Organization
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance	PSA	Physician Shortage Area
NDC	National Drug Code	PSDA	Patient Self-Determination Act
NDPH	Non-Designated Public Hospital	PSO	Provider-Sponsored Organization
NAS	National Academy of Sciences	PSO	Patient Safety Organization
NHIN	National Health Information Network	PSQIA	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act
NIH	National Institutes of Health (of PHS)		
NIMS	National Incident Management System	QA	Quality Assurance

QAPI	Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement	TrOOP	True Out-of-Pocket costs
QHP	Qualified Health Plan	UB92	Uniform Hospital Billing Form
QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor	UBIT	Unrelated Business Income Tax
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization	UHA	United Hospital Association
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary	UI	Unemployment Insurance
		UID	Unemployment Insurance Division (CAHHS)
RAC	Recovery Audit Contractor	UPL	Upper Payment Limit
RBRVS	Resource-Based Relative-Value Scale	UR	Utilization Review
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act	USC	United States Code
RFP	Request for Proposal	USPHS	U.S. Public Health Service
RHC	Rural Healthcare Center		
RHC	Rural Health Clinics (CHA)	VA	Veterans Affairs
RHCAB	Rural Healthcare Center Advisory Board	VBP	Value Based Purchasing
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organization		
RPB	Regional Policy Board (AHA)	WCAB	Workers' Compensation Appeals Board
RPCH	Rural Primary Care Hospital		
RRC	Rural Referral Center		
RN	Registered Nurse		
RUG	Resource Utilization Group		
RVS	Relative-Value Scale		
SB	Senate Bill		
SCA	Senate Constitutional Amendment		
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program		
SCR	Senate Concurrent Resolution		
SEIU	Service Employees International Union		
SEPS	Special Enrollment Periods		
SHAEF	State Hospital Association Executives Forum		
SHEA	Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America		
SHIP	Small Hospital Improvement Program		
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program		
SHOP	Small Business Health Options Program		
SJR	Senate Joint Resolution		
SLIAG	State Legalization Impact Assistance Grant		
SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area		
SNF	Skilled-Nursing Facility		
SPAPs	State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs		
SPC	Structural Performance Category		
SPCP	Selective Provider Contracting Program		
SPD	Seniors and Person with Disabilities		
SSA	U.S. Social Security Administration		
Stark	Ethics in Patient Referral Act of 1989		
SUBC	Statewide Uniform Billing Committee		
TAHHC	Taxpayers Against Higher Health Costs		
TAR	Treatment Authorization Request		
TC	Transitional Care		
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982		
TIC	Transitional Inpatient Care		
TIE	Truck Insurance Exchange		
THF	The Healthcare Forum		
TJC	The Joint Commission		
TPA	Tissue Plasminogen Activator		
TQM	Total Quality Management		
TriCare	Military Healthcare System		