

LIST OF POPULAR ACRONYMS IN HEALTH DATA POLICY
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Acronym	Term	Audiences
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians	Clinical, Health Care
AAHP	American Association of Health Plans	General, Health Care
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges	Academic, Health Care
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons	Consumers
ABC	Alternative Billing Codes	Coding system, Alternative Link
ACF	Administration for Children & Families	DHHS
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	Standards/Worker Health Protection
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union	General
ACME	Automated Classification of Medical Entities	NCHS/Mortality Data
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists	Clinical, Health Care
ACP	American College of Physicians	Clinical, Health Care
ACR-NEMA	American College of Radiology-National Electrical Manufacturers Association	Standards/Medical Images
ACS	American College of Surgeons	Clinical, Health Care
ACS	American Community Survey	General (BOC)
ADA	American Dental Association	Clinical, Health Care
ADA	American Dietetic Association	Clinical, Health Care
AFEHCT	Association for Electronic Health Care Transactions	Health Care, Standards
AHA	American Hospital Association	Health Care
AHIC "The Community"	American Health Information Community (FACA Committee)	DHSS
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association	General, Health Care
AHIP	American's Health Insurance Plan	General
AHQA	American Health Quality Association	Health Care
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality	DHHS
AMA	American Medical Association	Clinical, Health Care
AMIA	American Medical Informatics Association	Health Care, Informatics
ANA	American Nurses Association	Clinical, Health Care
ANSII	American National Standard Code for Information Interchange	General, IT Organization
ANSI	American National Standards Institute	General, Standards
ANSI ASC	ANSI Accredited Standards Committee	General, Standards
ANSI HISB	American National Standards Institute's Healthcare Informatics Standards Board	General, Standards
ANSI X12 837	ANSI Health Data Committee X12 file format 837	General, Health Care, Standards
AOA	Administration on Aging	DHHS
AOA	American Osteopathic Association	Clinical, Health Care
APA	American Psychiatric Association	Clinical, Health Care

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APA	American Psychological Association	Clinical, Health Care
APHA	American Public Health Association	General
API	Application Programming Interface	Informatics
AQA	AQA Alliance	Quality/Physician
ASCA	Administrative Simplification Compliance Act	HIPAA Administrative Simplification
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange	General, Standards
ASH	Assistant Secretary for Health	DHHS
ASPE	Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation	DHHS
ASTHO	Association of State & Territorial Health Officials	General, Public Health
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials (former name)	General, Standards
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry	DHHS/CDC
BC/BS	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health Care
BOC	Bureau of Census	Department of Commerce
BRFS	Behavioral Risk Factor Survey	Survey, CDC
BSC	NCHS Board of Scientific Counselors	Advisory/ DHHS
CAHIT	Council on Application of Health Information Technology	DHHS
CAN	Common Accounting (or Account) Number	General
CAP	College of American Pathologists	Clinical
CAPI	Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (software)	Surveys
CCHIT	Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology	General
CCR	Continuity of Care Record	Standards, Health Care
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	DHHS
CDS	Clinical Decision Support	Health Care
CDT	Current Dental Terminology	Code set, ADA
CEN	Comite Europeen de Normalisation (European Committee for Normalization)	Standards/European
CEN/TC 251	Technical Committee for Health Informatics	Standards/European
CHAPS	Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Survey	General, Health Care
CHI	Consolidated Health Informatics (Initiative)	DHHS, IT, eGov
CHIT	Center for Health Information Technology	IT
CHIME	Community Health Information Management Enterprise	General
CHIP	Child Health Insurance Program	Health Care
CIHI	Canadian Institute for Health Information	International
CLSI	Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute	Laboratory Standards
CMP	Civil Monetary Penalties	
CMSA	Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area	General
CMSS	Council of Medical Specialty Societies	General, Health Care
CNSTAT	Committee on National Statistics (NAS)	General, Statistics
COGME	Council On Graduate Medical Education	Academic

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CON	Certificate of Need	General
CPRI-HOST	Computer-based Patient Record Institute-Healthcare Open Systems and Trial	Health Care, IT
CPS	Current Population Survey (Joint Project – Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census)	Survey
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology	Terminology, AMA
CPT-4	Current Procedural Terminology, Version 4	Terminology, AMA
CR	Continuing Resolution	Congress
CSI	Commission on Systemic Interoperability	Standards
CSAP	Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, SAMHSA	DHHS
CSTE	Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists	General, Public Health
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency	Department of Justice
DEEDS	Data Elements for Emergency Department Systems	Standard, CDC
DHHS	Department of Health & Human Services	Government
DICOM	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine, NEMA	Standard
DOJ	Department of Justice	Government
DOL	Department of Labor	Government
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders	Classification, American Psychiatric Association
DSMO	Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANSI Accredited Standards Committee X12 • Dental Content Committee of American Dental Association • Health Level Seven • NCPDP • NUBC • NUCC 	Consortium to maintain HIPAA administrative standards
DUR	Drug Utilization Review	Health Care
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange	General, Health Care
EHR	Electronic Health Record	General, Health Care
EIN	Employer Identification Number	Standard
EIS	Epidemic Intelligence Service (CDC)	General, Public Health
EMR	Electronic Medical Record	General, Health Care
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Government

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ESRI	GIS and mapping software	General
FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act	General
FACCT	Foundation for Accountability	General, Health Care
FASAB	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board	General
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	DHHS
FEA	Federal Enterprise Architecture	Government
FHA	Federal Health Architecture	Government, IT, eGov
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act of 1966, etc.	Government
FOP	Financial Operating Plan	General
FORE	Foundation of Research and Education (AHIMA)	General
FR	Federal Register	General
FR	Final Rule	General
GAO	General Accounting Office	Government
GIS	Geographic Information Systems	General
GMDN	Global Medical Device Nomenclature	Standard
GSA	General Services Administration	General
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System	Standard, CMS
HCUP	Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (AHRQ)	Survey
HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data Information Sets	NCQA
HHCC	Home Health Care Classifications	Classifications
HIBCC	Health Industry Business Communications Council	General
HIE	Health Information Exchange	NHIN
HIMSS	Healthcare Information Management Systems Society	Health Care
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	Legislation
HISPC	Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration	General/Privacy
HIT	Health Information Technology	IT
HITSP	Health Information Technology Standards Panel	Standards
HL7	Health Level Seven	Standards Organization (Clinical)
HQA	Hospital Quality Alliance	Quality/In-patient
HSRA	Health Resources & Services Administration	DHHS
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	International, Standards
ICD	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems	Classification, WHO
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases 9th Edition Clinical Modification	Classification, NCHS
ICD-9-CM, Vol. 3	International Classification of Diseases 9th Edition Clinical Modification, Procedures	Classification, CMS
ICD-9-CM C&M	ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee	Classifications, NCHS and CMS
ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases 10th Edition Clinical Modification	Classification, NCHS

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ICD-10-PCS	International Classification of Diseases 10th Edition, Procedure Coding System	Classification, CMS
ICD-0	International Classification of Diseases for Oncology	Classification, WHO, IARC
ICECI	International Classification of External Causes of Injury	WHO
ICF	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health	Classification, WHO
ICF-CY	ICF - Children and Youth Version	Classification, WHO
ICPC	International Classification of Primary Care	Classification, WONCA
IDMS	Information Data Management System	General, IT Organization
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	Standards
IFHRO	International Federation of Health Records Organizations	General
IG	Inspector General	DHHS
IHE	Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise	Standards Implementation
IHTSDO	International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization	Standards/ Terminology
IHS	Indian Health Service	DHHS
IOM	Institute of Medicine	General
IRB	Institutional Review Board	General
ISO	International Standards Organization	International, Standards
ISO TC 215	ISO Technical Committee 215 (Health Informatics)	International Standards
JCAHCO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations	General, Health Care, Quality Standards
LHII	Local Health Information Infrastructure	General
LOINC™	Logical Observation Identifiers, Names and Codes™	Health Care Standard
MCBS	Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey	Survey, CMS
MDS	Minimum Data Set for Nursing Facility	Standard/Data Set
MedDRA	Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities	International Standard
MEPS	Medical Expenditure Panel Survey	Survey, AHRQ
MMA	Medicare Modernization Act	Legislation
MMDS	Mortality Medical Data System	Standard, NCHS
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	General
MRI	Medical Records Institute	Electronic health records
NACC	North American Collaborating Center (WHO FIC)	Standards, Education
NACCHO	National Association of County and City Health Officials	General, Public Health
NAHDO	National Association of Health Data Organizations	General,
NAHIT	National Alliance for Health Information Technology	General
NAHQ	National Association for Healthcare Quality	Quality
NALBOH	National Association of Local Boards of Health	General/Public Health
NAMCS	National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey	Survey, NCHS
NANDA	North American Nursing Diagnosis Association	Classifications
NAPHIT	National Association for Public Health Information Technology	General/Public Health

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NAPHSIS	National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems	General/Public Health
NAS	National Academy of Sciences	General
NCHIT	National Coordinator for Health Information Technology	DHHS
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics, CDC	DHHS
NCI	National Cancer Institute, NIH	DHHS
NCPDP	National Council of Prescription Drug Programs	Standards
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Quality
NDC	National Drug Code	Standard, FDA
NDI	National Drug Index	Standard, FDA
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association	Standards
NGA	National Governor's Association	General
NEDSS	National Electronic Data Surveillance System (CDC)	Public Health
NHAMCS	National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey	Survey, NCHS
NHANES	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey	Survey, NCHS
NHCS	National Health Care Surveys	Survey, NCHS
NHDS	National Hospital Discharge Survey	Survey, NCHS
NHII	National Health Information Infrastructure	General
NHIN	Nationwide Health Information Network	IT
NHIS	National Health Interview Survey	Survey, NCHS
NIA	National Institute on Aging, NIH	DHHS
NIAID	National Institute of Allergies & Infectious Diseases, NIH	DHHS
NIAMS	National Institute of Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Diseases, NIH	DHHS
NIC	Nursing Interventions Classification	Classification
NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Development, NIH	DHHS
NIDA	National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH	DHHS
NIDDKD	National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive & Kidney Diseases, NIH	DHHS
NIDR	National Institute of Dental Research, NIH	DHHS
NIH	National Institutes of Health	DHHS
NII	National Information Infrastructure	General
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health, NIH	DHHS
NINDS	National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke, NIH	DHHS
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health, CDC	DHHS
NIS	National Immunization Survey	Survey, NCHS
NIST	National Institute of Standards & Technology	Government
NLM	National Library of Medicine, NIH	DHHS
NNHS	National Nursing Home Survey	Survey, NCHS
NOC	Nursing Outcomes Classification	Classification
NPF	National Provider File	HIPAA
NPI	National Provider Identifier	HIPAA Standard

Acronym	Term	Audiences
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	General
NQF	National Quality Forum	Quality Standards
NRM	Notice of Rule Making	General, Health Care
NSFG	National Survey of Family Growth	Survey, NCHS
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee (AHA)	Standards
NUCC	National Uniform Claim Committee (AMA)	Standards
OASH	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health	DHHS
OCR	Office of Civil Rights	DHHS
OGC	Office of the General Council	DHHS
OGE	Office of Government Ethics	DHHS
OMH	Office of Minority Health	DHHS
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology	DHHS
PFP or P4P	Pay for Performance	Healthcare
PHDSC	Public Health Data Standards Consortium	Standards, Education
PHI	Personal Health Information	General, Health Care
PHIN	Public Health Information Network (CDC)	Public Health
PHR	Personal Health Record	Health
PITAC	President's Information Technology Advisory Committee	General
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure	IT
PMRI	See NCVHS <i>Report on Uniform Data Standards for Patient Medical Record Information (2000)</i>	General, Health Care
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization	General, Health Care
PPRC	Physician Payment Review Commission	General, Health Care
QALY	Quality Adjusted Life Year	General
QIO	Quality Improvement Organizations (implemented by CMS)	Health
RAI	Resident Assessment Instrument	Standard
RFA	Request for Applications	General
RFP	Request for Proposal	General
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organizations	Health
ROI	Return on Investment	General
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	DHHS
SCHIP	State Child Health Insurance Program	Health Care
SDO	Standard Development Organization	General, IT Organization
SEER	Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (NCI)	General
SGE	Special Government Employee	General
SLAITS	State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey (NCHS)	Survey
SNOMED	Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine	Clinical Terminology
SNOMED-CT	Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine-Clinical Terms	Clinical Terminology
SOW	Scope of Work	General
SPL	Structured Product Labeling	Clinical Terminology

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TPO	Treatment, Payment and Operations	HIPAA
TRG	Terminology Reference Group (WHO-FIC)	International standards
UB	Uniform Bill	Standard, AHA
UCC	Uniform Code Council	Standards
UHDDS	Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set	Standard/Data Set
UMDNS	Uniform Medical Device Nomenclature System	Terminology, ECRI
UMLS	Unified Medical Language System (NLM)	Terminology tool
UN/EDIFACT	Electronic Data Interchange For Administration, Commerce and Transport	Standards
UPC	Universal Product Number	Code set (HIBCC)
URAC	Utilization Review Accreditation Commission	Quality Standards
URC	Update and Revision Committee (WHO-FIC)	International standards
USHIK	United States Health Information Knowledgebase	Standards Metadata
WEDI	Workgroup on Electronic Data Interchange	General, IT Organization
WEDI SNIP	WEDI Strategic National Implemental Process	General, IT
WHO	WHO Family of International Classifications	International
WHO FIC	World Health Organization Family of International Classifications (FIC)	International, Classifications
WONCA	World Organizations of General/Family Practitioners	Clinical
X12	From ANSI X12 837 American National Standards Institute Health Data Committee X12 file format 837	General, IT Organization
XML	Extensible Mark-up Language (Data Formatting System)	IT

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