

Acronyms - A

A/P – Accounts Payable
A/R – Accounts Receivable
AA – Allowed Amount
AAA – Area Agency on Aging
AAFP – American Academy of Family Physicians
AAHC – Association of Academic Health Centers
AAHP – American Association of Health Plans (now merged with HIAA to form AHIP)
AAMC – Association of American Medical Colleges
AAPCC – Adjusted Average per Capita Cost
AAPI – American Accreditation Program
AAPPO – American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations
AAPS – Association of American Physicians and Surgeons
AARP – American Association of Retired Persons
AASC – American Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers
ABA – American Bar Association
ABL – Annual Benefit Limit
ABX – Antibiotic
AC – Ambulatory Care
ACA – Affordable Care Act (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)
ACC – Ambulatory Care Center
ACC – American College of Cardiology
ACCME – Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
ACF – Administration for Children and Families
ACGME – Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
ACHE – American College of Healthcare Executives
ACM – American College of Medicine
ACM – Appropriate Care Measures (formerly ACS)
ACNP – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
ACO – Accountable Care Organization
ACOG – American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
ACP – American College of Physicians
ACR – Adjusted Community Rating
ACS – Appropriate Care Scores (now ACM)
ACS – American Cancer Society
ACS – American College of Surgeons
AD&D – Accidental Death and Dismemberment
ADA – American with Disabilities Act
ADC – Average Daily Census

ADE – Adverse Drug Event
ADEA – Age Discrimination in Employment Act
ADL – Activities of Daily Living
ADR – Adverse Drug Reaction
ADS – Alternative Delivery System
ADT – Admission/Discharge/Transfer
AF4Q – Aligning Forces for Quality
AFC - Adult Foster Care
AFDC - Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AFL-CIO – American Federation of Labor – Congress of Industrial Organizations
AFMR- American Federation for Medical Research
AG – Attorney General
AHA – American Heart Association
AHA – American Hospital Association
AHC – Association of Academic Health Centers
AHCA - American Health Care Association
AHCPR – Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
AHIP – America’s Health Insurance Plans
AHLA – American Health Lawyers Association
AHP - Accountable Health Plans
AHP – Allied Health Professional
AHP – Association of Health Care Philanthropy
AHQI – American Health Quality Association
AHRQ – Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AHSR – Association for Health Services Research
AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALA – American Lung Association
ALF – Assisted Living Facility
ALJ – Administrative Law Judge
ALOS – Average Length of Stay
AMA – American Medical Association
AMBHA – American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association
AMC – Academic Medical Center
AMGA – American Medical Group Association
AMI – Acute Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack)
AMRPA – American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
AMSA – Automated Medical Student Association
ANA – American Nurses Association
ANE – Association of Nurse Executives
ANSI – American National Standards Institute
AoA – Administration on Aging
AOA – American Osteopathic Association
AOB – Adjusted Occupied Bed

APA – American Psychiatric Association
APC - Ambulatory Payment Classifications
APC – Ambulatory Procedure Codes
APDRG – All Patient Diagnosis Related Groups
APG – Ambulatory Patient Groups
APHA – American Public Health Association
APR - Adjusted Payment Rate
APDRG – All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups
APRN – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
APS - Adult Protective Services
APS - American Pain Society
APS - Attending Physician Statement
APT – Admissions-per-thousand
APU – Annual Payment Update
APU – Antepartum Unit
ARC – AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Related Complex/Conditions
ASAE – American Society of Association Executives
ASC – Ambulatory Surgery Center
ASCO – American Society of Clinical Oncology
ASCP – American Society of Clinical Pathology
ASH – American Society of Hematology
ASHE – American Society for Healthcare Engineering
ASIM – American Society of Internal Medicine
ASO – Administrative Services Only
ASR – Age/Sex Rates
ATS – Alcohol Treatment Services
AV – Actuarial Value
AWP – Actuarial Work Products