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1	Abbreviation	Name	Description	
2	ACA	Affordable Care Act	Signed in to law on March 23, 2010. Also known as Obama Care	https://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/about-the-law/read-the-law/
3	ADR	Additional Document Request		
4	ALJ	Administrative Law Judge	Third level of appeal after a reconsideration, conducted by an ALJ at the OMHA	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/HearingsALJ.html
5	BCRC	Benefits Coordination & Recovery Contractor	Coordination of benefits for GHP, NGHP, and recovery for NGHPs	
6	BI	Benefit Integrity	Part of a ZPIC	
7	C&E	Compliance and Enforcement	Part of the MEDIC, Responsible for compliance and enforcement	https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo/downloads/MEDIC_and_Program_Integrity.pdf
8	Carriers	Carriers	Processed Medicare claims for suppliers before MACs	https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-contracting/medicare-administrative-contractors/medicareadministrativecontractors.html
9	CERT	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing	Contractor with mid responsibilities between claims processing and fraud detection	https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/CERT-Reports.html
10	CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program		
11	CMS	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services		https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/about-cms.html
12	COBC	Coordination of Benefits Contractor	Now part of BCBC	
13	Council	Medicare Appeals Council	Fourth level of appeal conducted by the DAB	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/05AppealsCouncil.html
14	CPT	Current Procedural Terminology	Used to bill outpatient and office procedures	https://www.ngsmedicare.com/ngs/portal/ngsmedicare/newngs/entry!/ut/p/a1/hc7LDolwEAXQb3HBlg4WDXFXRAMoQUyM0I0BUwsGKckVft9q3JD4mN2dnJsZRFGCajP1Jc9UKZqsemY6P9skWFnWEjZ-GNhAbC8-kN3RcjDWINUAvgyBf_OTomMS4cjRZO16XrzHvj9gx8nQkR5JfLXuylpcuxwRCW7MsmkeZd6XSjVdgsDDBiGweRC8IqZF1Eb8KISiE6hZCXRWydw1X9lkwmD7p9jCY!/dl5/d5/L2dBISevZ0FBIS9nQSEh/
15	CRC	Commercial Repayment Center	Recovery from GHP. See BCRC.	
16	DAB	Departmental Appeals Board	Part of HHS where the fourth level of appeal is conducted	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/05AppealsCouncil.html
17	DC	Documentation Contractor	One of the two subcontractors used by the CERT program. On August 16, 2016	https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/InformationforProviders.html

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18	DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics and Orthotic		See for accreditation, https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/DMEPOS_Basics_Fact_Sheet_ICN905710.pdf
19	DMERC	Durable Medical Equipment Contractors	processes claims for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, and orthotics	https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Durable-Medical-Equipment-DME-Center.html
20	FFS	Fee for Services	Fee for services	
21	FI	Fiscal Intermediary	Processes Medicare Claims for providers before MACs	https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-contracting/medicare-administrative-contractors/medicareadministrativecontractors.html
22	GHP	Group Health Plans		
23	HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System	Codes used for supplies and procedures not under a CPT Code	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/index.html?redirect=/medhcpcsgeninfo/
24	HH+H	Home Health and Hospice	formerly RHHI. Processes home health and hospice claims	For index of HH+H see, https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/contacts-home-health-hospice-index.aspx?bc=AgAAAAAAAAAAAA%3D%3D&
25	HHS	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	Provides health insurance under Medicare, Medicaid, the ACA, and CHIP. Also	http://www.hhs.gov/
26	HHS	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	
27	HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	Health information privacy rules	http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/
28	ICD-10	International Classification of Disease	Valid from October 1, 2015. Diagnostic and procedure codes	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2017-ICD-10-PCS-and-GEMs.html
29	ICD-9	International Classification of Disease	Valid to October 1, 2015. International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Diagnost	https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/ICD9providerdiagnosticcodes/codes.html
30	IPERIA	Improper Payment Elimination and Recovery Act	Enacted to help reduce waste in government spending	31 U.S.C. 3321, https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/financial/_improper/PL_111-204.pdf
31	LCD	Local Coverage Determination	Finding by a MAC whether a product or service is covered by Medicare	42 U.S.C.1869(f)(2)(B). https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/determinationprocess/LCDs.html
32	Lewin Group		The CERT statistical contractor is the Lewin Group, Inc.	
33	MAC	Medicare Admirative Contractor	Processes Medicare Claims for providers	https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-contracting/medicare-administrative-contractors/medicareadministrativecontractors.html
34	MEDIC	Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor	Detected and prevent fraud in Medicare Part C and D.	https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo/downloads/MEDIC_and_Program_Integrity.pdf
35	Medicare Appeals Council		Fourth level of appeal conducted by the DAB	

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36	Medicare Part A		Hospital Insurance	https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html
37	Medicare Part B		Medical Insurance	https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html
38	Medicare Part C	Medicare Advantage	Medicare offered by a private company	https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html
39	Medicare Part D	Prescription Drug Benefit	Prescription drug coverage under Medicare	https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html
40	MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit	State run unit to investigate Medicaid Fraud	http://www.namfcu.net/
41	MIC	Medicaid Integrity Contractor	Will either review, audit, or educate	
42	MIP	Medicaid Integrity Program	Federal and State program to prevent Medicaid fraud.	
43	MMA	Medicare Modernization Act		
44	MPDIMA	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003	Prescription drug coverage under Medicare	https://www.congress.gov/108/plaws/publ173/PLAW-108publ173.htm
45	MR	Medical Review	Part of a ZPIC	
46	MSIS	Medicaid Statistical Information System		
47	MSP	Medicare Secondary Payor	Program to identify when Medicare should not be the primary payor	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coordination-of-Benefits-and-Recovery/Coordination-of-Benefits-and-Recovery-Overview/Medicare-Secondary-Payer/Medicare-Secondary-Payer.html
48	MSPRC	Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor	Now part of BCBC	
49	NBI	National Benefit Integrity	Part of the MEDIC. Responsible for detecting and preventing fraud in Medicare	https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo/downloads/MEDIC_and_Program_Integrity.pdf
50	NCD	National Coverage Determination	Developed by CMS to address where a product of service is covered	For the index of NCD see, https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/ncd-alphabetical-index.aspx?bc=BAAAAAAAAAAAA
51	NGHP	Non-Group Health Plans		
52	NGS	National Government Services	Medicare contractor administering Part A, B, and HH+H (and more) in select sta	https://www.ngsmedicare.com/ngs/portal/ngsmedicare/newngs/entry/!ut/p/a1/hc7LDolwEAXQb3HBlg4WDXFRamoQUyM0IOBUwsGKckVft9q3JD4mN2dnJsZRFGCajP1Jc9UKZqsemY6P9skWFnWEjZ-GNhAbC8-kN3RcjDWINUAvgyBf_OTomMS4cjRZO16XrzHvjt9gx8nQkR5JfLXuyIpcuxwRCW7MsmkeZd6XSjVdgsDDBiGweRC8IqZF1Eb8KISiE6hZCXRWydwM1X9IkwmD7p9jCY!
53	NSC	National Supplier Clearing House	Responsible for enrolling and disenrolling DMEPOS suppliers. Contract held by	http://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/providers.nsf/DocsCatHome/National%20Supplier%20Clearinghouse

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54	OI	Office of Inspections	Part of the OIG	https://oig.hhs.gov/
55	OIG	Office of Inspector General		https://oig.hhs.gov/
56	OMHA	Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals	Part of HHS where ALJs hear appeals	https://www.cms.gov/medicare/appeals-and-grievances/mmccag/alj.html
57	Palmetto GBA		NSC contractor	http://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/providers.nsf/DocsCatHome/National%20Supplier%20Clearinghouse
58	PDAC	Pricing Data Analysis and Coding contractor	formerly called SADMERC. Currently being performed by Noridian Healthcare	https://www.dmepdac.com/
59	PERM	Payment Error Rate Measurement	Medicaid equivalent of Medicare CERT program. "The Improper Payments Info	https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicaid-and-CHIP-Compliance/PERM/index.html?redirect=/perm
60	PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	the Affordable Care Act	https://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/about-the-law/read-the-law/
61	PSC	Program Safeguard Contractor	Transitioned to ZPIC	https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/pim83c04.pdf
62	QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor	Conducts reconsiderations the second level of appeal	https://www.cms.gov/medicare/appeals-and-grievances/orgmedffsappeals/reconsiderationbyqualifiedindependentcontractor.html
63	QIO	Quality Improvement Organization	Improve health care for Medicare beneficiaries and contractor with mid respons	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityImprovementOrgs/index.html?redirect=/qualityimprovementorgs/
64	RAC	Recovery Audit Contractor	Contractor with mid-responsibility between claims processing and fraud detect	https://www.cms.gov/research-statistics-data-and-systems/monitoring-programs/medicare-ffs-compliance-programs/recovery-audit-program/
65	RC	Review Contractor	One of the two subcontractors used by the CERT program.	https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/InformationforProviders.html
66	RC	PERM Review Contractor	PERM Review Contractor	
67	Reconsideration		Second level of appeal performed by a QIC	
68	Redetermination		First level of appeal performed by a MAC	
69	RHHI	Regional Home Health Intermediaries	Processed home health claims before HH&H	
70	SADMERC	Statistical and Analysis Durable Equipment Regional Contractor	Posted product reviews and results of coding decisions before PDAC	See, https://www.dmepdac.com/
71	SC	PERM Statistical Contractor	PERM Statistical Contractor is the Lewin Group, Inc	
72	SMRC	Supplemental Medical Review Contractor	First level of appeal performed by a MAC	
73	SSA	Social Security Act		42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq. https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1800.htm
74	ZPIC	Zone Program Integrity Contractor	Identify and investigate cases of suspected fraud. Often referred by a MAC	https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1204.pdf