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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                       | <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/about-the-law/read-the-law/">https://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/about-the-law/read-the-law/</a>   |
| 3  | ADR          | Additional Document Request                 |  |   |
| 4  | ALJ          | Administrative Law Judge                    | Third level of appeal after a reconsideration, conducted by an ALJ at the OMHA     | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/HearingsALJ.html">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/HearingsALJ.html</a>   |
| 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                      | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo/downloads/MEDIC_and_Program_Integrity.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo/downloads/MEDIC_and_Program_Integrity.pdf</a>   |
| 8  | Carriers     | Carriers                                    | Processed Medicare claims for suppliers before MACs                                | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-contracting/medicare-administrative-contractors/medicareadministrativecontractors.html">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-contracting/medicare-administrative-contractors/medicareadministrativecontractors.html</a>   |
| 9  | CERT         | Comprehensive Error Rate Testing            | Contractor with mid responsibilities between claims processing and fraud detection | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/CERT-Reports.html">https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/CERT-Reports.html</a>   |
| 10 | CHIP         | Children's Health Insurance Program         |  |   |
| 11 | CMS          | Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services     |  | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/about-cms.html">https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/about-cms.html</a>   |
| 12 | COBC         | Coordination of Benefits Contractor         | Now part of BCBC   |   |
| 13 | Council      | Medicare Appeals Council                    | Fourth level of appeal conducted by the DAB  | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/05AppealsCouncil.html">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/05AppealsCouncil.html</a>   |
| 14 | CPT          | Current Procedural Terminology              | Used to bill outpatient and office procedures                                      | <a href="https://www.ngsmedicare.com/ngs/portal/ngsmedicare/newngs/entry!/ut/p/a1/hc7LDolwEAXQb3HBlg4WDXFXRAMoQUyM0I0BUwsGKCKvft9q3JD4mN2dnJsZRFGCajP1Jc9UKZqsemY6P9skWFnWEjZ-GNhAbC8-kN3RcjDWINUAvgyBf_OTomMS4cjRZO16XrzHvjt9gx8nQkR5JfLXuylpcuxwRCW7MsmkeZd6XSjVdgsDDBiGweRC8IqZF1Eb8KISiE6hZCXRWydw1X9lkwmD7p9jCY!/dl5/d5/L2dBISeVz0FBIS9nQSEh/">https://www.ngsmedicare.com/ngs/portal/ngsmedicare/newngs/entry!/ut/p/a1/hc7LDolwEAXQb3HBlg4WDXFXRAMoQUyM0I0BUwsGKCKvft9q3JD4mN2dnJsZRFGCajP1Jc9UKZqsemY6P9skWFnWEjZ-GNhAbC8-kN3RcjDWINUAvgyBf_OTomMS4cjRZO16XrzHvjt9gx8nQkR5JfLXuylpcuxwRCW7MsmkeZd6XSjVdgsDDBiGweRC8IqZF1Eb8KISiE6hZCXRWydw1X9lkwmD7p9jCY!/dl5/d5/L2dBISeVz0FBIS9nQSEh/</a> |
| 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                          | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/05AppealsCouncil.html">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/05AppealsCouncil.html</a>   |
| 17 | DC           | Documentation Contractor                    | One of the two subcontractors used by the CERT program. On August 16, 2016         | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/InformationforProviders.html">https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/InformationforProviders.html</a>   |

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| 18 | DMEPOS                   | Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics and Orthotic |   | See for accreditation, <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/DMEPOS_Basics_FactSheet_ICN905710.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/DMEPOS_Basics_FactSheet_ICN905710.pdf</a> |
| 19 | DMERC                    | Durable Medical Equipment Contractors               | processes claims for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, and orthotics        | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Durable-Medical-Equipment-DME-Center.html">https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Durable-Medical-Equipment-DME-Center.html</a>  |
| 20 | FFS                      | Fee for Services                                    | Fee for services  |  |
| 21 | FI                       | Fiscal Intermediary                                 | Processes Medicare Claims for providers before MACs                               | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-contracting/medicare-administrative-contractors/medicareadministrativecontractors.html">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-contracting/medicare-administrative-contractors/medicareadministrativecontractors.html</a>  |
| 22 | GHP                      | Group Health Plans                                  |   |  |
| 23 | HCPCS                    | Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System           | Codes used for supplies and procedures not under a CPT Code                       | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/index.html?redirect=/medhcpcsgeninfo/">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/index.html?redirect=/medhcpcsgeninfo/</a>  |
| 24 | HH+H                     | Home Health and Hospice                             | formerly RHHI. Processes home health and hospice claims                           | For index of HH+H see, <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/contacts-home-health-hospice-index.aspx?bc=AgAAAAAAAAAAAA%3D%3D&amp;">https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/contacts-home-health-hospice-index.aspx?bc=AgAAAAAAAAAAAA%3D%3D&amp;</a>                   |
| 25 | HHS                      | U.S. Department of Health & Human Services          | Provides health insurance under Medicare, Medicaid, the ACA, and CHIP. Also       | <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/">http://www.hhs.gov/</a>  |
| 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  | <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/">http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/</a>  |
| 28 | ICD-10                   | International Classification of Disease             | Valid from October 1, 2015. Diagnostic and procedure codes                        | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2017-ICD-10-PCS-and-GEMs.html">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2017-ICD-10-PCS-and-GEMs.html</a>  |
| 29 | ICD-9                    | International Classification of Disease             | Valid to October 1, 2015. International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Diagnost | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/ICD9providerdiagnosticcodes/codes.html">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/ICD9providerdiagnosticcodes/codes.html</a>  |
| 30 | IPERIA                   | Improper Payment Elimination and Recovery Act       | Enacted to help reduce waste in government spending                               | 31 U.S.C. 3321, <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/financial/_improper/PL_111-204.pdf">https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/financial/_improper/PL_111-204.pdf</a>  |
| 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). <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/determinationprocess/LCDs.html">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/determinationprocess/LCDs.html</a>  |
| 32 | Lewin Group              |   | The CERT statistical contractor is the Lewin Group, Inc.                          |  |
| 33 | MAC                      | Medicare Admirative Contractor                      | Processes Medicare Claims for providers   | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-contracting/medicare-administrative-contractors/medicareadministrativecontractors.html">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-contracting/medicare-administrative-contractors/medicareadministrativecontractors.html</a>  |
| 34 | MEDIC                    | Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor                  | Detected and prevent fraud in Medicare Part C and D.                              | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo/downloads/MEDIC_and_Program_Integrity.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo/downloads/MEDIC_and_Program_Integrity.pdf</a>                                      |
| 35 | Medicare Appeals Council |   | Fourth level of appeal conducted by the DAB                                       |  |

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| 36 | Medicare Part A |   | Hospital Insurance   | <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html">https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html</a>   |
| 37 | Medicare Part B |   | Medical Insurance  | <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html">https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html</a>   |
| 38 | Medicare Part C | Medicare Advantage  | Medicare offered by a private company  | <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html">https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html</a>   |
| 39 | Medicare Part D | Prescription Drug Benefit   | Prescription drug coverage under Medicare                                      | <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html">https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/decide-how-to-get-medicare/whats-medicare/what-is-medicare.html</a>   |
| 40 | MFCU            | Medicaid Fraud Control Unit   | State run unit to investigate Medicaid Fraud                                   | <a href="http://www.namfcu.net/">http://www.namfcu.net/</a>   |
| 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                                      | <a href="https://www.congress.gov/108/plaws/publ173/PLAW-108publ173.htm">https://www.congress.gov/108/plaws/publ173/PLAW-108publ173.htm</a>   |
| 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              | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coordination-of-Benefits-and-Recovery/Coordination-of-Benefits-and-Recovery-Overview/Medicare-Secondary-Payer/Medicare-Secondary-Payer.html">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coordination-of-Benefits-and-Recovery/Coordination-of-Benefits-and-Recovery-Overview/Medicare-Secondary-Payer/Medicare-Secondary-Payer.html</a>   |
| 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  | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo/downloads/MEDIC_and_Program_Integrity.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNGenInfo/downloads/MEDIC_and_Program_Integrity.pdf</a>   |
| 50 | NCD             | National Coverage Determination                                       | Developed by CMS to address where a product of service is covered              | For the index of NCD see,<br><a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/ncd-alphabetical-index.aspx?bc=BAAAAAAAAAAAA">https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/ncd-alphabetical-index.aspx?bc=BAAAAAAAAAAAA</a>  |
| 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 | <a href="https://www.ngsmedicare.com/ngs/portal/ngsmedicare/newngs/entry/!ut/p/a1/hc7LDolwEAXQb3HBlg4WDXFRamoQUyM0IOBUwsGKckVft9q3JD4mN2dnJsZRFGCaJP1Jc9UKZqsemY6P9skWFnWEjZ-GNhAbC8-kN3RcjDWINUAvgyBf_OTomMS4cjRZO16XrzHvjt9gx8nQkR5JfLXuyIpcuxwRCW7MsmkeZd6XSjVdgsDDBiGweRC8IqZF1Eb8KISiE6hZCXRWydwM1X9IkwmD7p9jCY!/d15/d5/L2dBISevZOFBIS9nQSEh/">https://www.ngsmedicare.com/ngs/portal/ngsmedicare/newngs/entry/!ut/p/a1/hc7LDolwEAXQb3HBlg4WDXFRamoQUyM0IOBUwsGKckVft9q3JD4mN2dnJsZRFGCaJP1Jc9UKZqsemY6P9skWFnWEjZ-GNhAbC8-kN3RcjDWINUAvgyBf_OTomMS4cjRZO16XrzHvjt9gx8nQkR5JfLXuyIpcuxwRCW7MsmkeZd6XSjVdgsDDBiGweRC8IqZF1Eb8KISiE6hZCXRWydwM1X9IkwmD7p9jCY!/d15/d5/L2dBISevZOFBIS9nQSEh/</a> |
| 53 | NSC             | National Supplier Clearing House                                      | Responsible for enrolling and disenrolling DMEPOS suppliers. Contract held by  | <a href="http://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/providers.nsf/DocsCatHome/National%20Supplier%20Clearinghouse">http://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/providers.nsf/DocsCatHome/National%20Supplier%20Clearinghouse</a>   |

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| 54 | OI              | Office of Inspections  | Part of the OIG  | <a href="https://oig.hhs.gov/">https://oig.hhs.gov/</a>   |
| 55 | OIG             | Office of Inspector General                                    |  | <a href="https://oig.hhs.gov/">https://oig.hhs.gov/</a>   |
| 56 | OMHA            | Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals                        | Part of HHS where ALJs hear appeals  | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/appeals-and-grievances/mmcag/alj.html">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/appeals-and-grievances/mmcag/alj.html</a>   |
| 57 | Palmetto GBA    |  | NSC contractor   | <a href="http://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/providers.nsf/DocsCatHome/National%20Supplier%20Clearinghouse">http://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/providers.nsf/DocsCatHome/National%20Supplier%20Clearinghouse</a>   |
| 58 | PDAC            | Pricing Data Analysis and Coding contractor                    | formerly called SADMERC. Currently being performed by Noridian Healthcare      | <a href="https://www.dmepdac.com/">https://www.dmepdac.com/</a>   |
| 59 | PERM            | Payment Error Rate Measurement                                 | Medicaid equivalent of Medicare CERT program. "The Improper Payments Info      | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicaid-and-CHIP-Compliance/PERM/index.html?redirect=/perm">https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicaid-and-CHIP-Compliance/PERM/index.html?redirect=/perm</a>                       |
| 60 | PPACA           | Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act                     | the Affordable Care Act  | <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/about-the-law/read-the-law/">https://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/about-the-law/read-the-law/</a>   |
| 61 | PSC             | Program Safeguard Contractor                                   | Transitioned to ZPIC   | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/pim83c04.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/pim83c04.pdf</a>   |
| 62 | QIC             | Qualified Independent Contractor                               | Conducts reconsiderations the second level of appeal                           | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/appeals-and-grievances/orgmedffsappeals/reconsiderationbyqualifiedindependentcontractor.html">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/appeals-and-grievances/orgmedffsappeals/reconsiderationbyqualifiedindependentcontractor.html</a>   |
| 63 | QIO             | Quality Improvement Organization                               | Improve health care for Medicare beneficiaries and contractor with mid respons | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityImprovementOrgs/index.html?redirect=/qualityimprovementorgs/">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityImprovementOrgs/index.html?redirect=/qualityimprovementorgs/</a> |
| 64 | RAC             | Recovery Audit Contractor                                      | Contractor with mid-responsibility between claims processing and fraud detect  | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/research-statistics-data-and-systems/monitoring-programs/medicare-ffs-compliance-programs/recovery-audit-program/">https://www.cms.gov/research-statistics-data-and-systems/monitoring-programs/medicare-ffs-compliance-programs/recovery-audit-program/</a>                             |
| 65 | RC              | Review Contractor  | One of the two subcontractors used by the CERT program.                        | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/InformationforProviders.html">https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/InformationforProviders.html</a>         |
| 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, <a href="https://www.dmepdac.com/">https://www.dmepdac.com/</a>  |
| 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.<br><a href="https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1800.htm">https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1800.htm</a>   |
| 74 | ZPIC            | Zone Program Integrity Contractor                              | Identify and investigate cases of suspected fraud. Often referred by a MAC     | <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1204.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1204.pdf</a>   |