Aavany	nealthcare Acronyms
Acronym A/P	Definition Accounts Develope
A/R	Accounts Payable Accounts Receivable
AAASC	American Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers
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, Inc.
AAPPO	American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations
AAPS	Association of American Physicians and Surgeons
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
ABA	American Bar Association
ABX	Antibiotic
AC	Ambulatory Care
ACC	Ambulatory Care Center
ACC	American College of Cardiology
ACCME	Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
ACHE	American College of Healthcare Executives
ACM	American College of Medicine
ACM	Appropriate Care Measures (formerly ACS)
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
ACP	American College of Physicians
ACS	Appropriate Care Scores (now ACM)
ACS	American Cancer Society
ACS	American College of Surgeons
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADC	Average Daily Census
ADE	Adverse Drug Event
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADR	Adverse Drug Reaction
ADS	Alternative Delivery System
ADT	Admission/Discharge/Transfer
AFL-CIO	American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations
AFMR	American Federation for Medical Research
AG	Attorney General
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHA	American Heart Association
AHC	Association of Academic Health Centers
AHCPR	Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
AHIP	America's Health Insurance Plans
AHLA	American Health Lawyers Association
AHP	Allied Health Professional
AHP	Association of Healthcare Philanthropy
AHQA	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

	nealthcare Acronyms
Acronym	Definition
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)
AMPRA	American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
AMR	Automated Medical Record
AMSA	American Medical Student Association
ANA	American Nurses Association
ANE	Association of Nurse Executives
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AOA	American Osteopathic Association
AOB	Assignment of Benefits
AOB	Adjusted Occupied Bed
APA	American Psychiatric Association
APA	American Psychological Association
APC	Ambulatory Procedure Codes
APC	Ambulatory Payment Classifications
APHA	American Public Health Association
APS	American Pain Society
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	Administration Services Only Contract
ATS	Alcohol Treatment Services
BBA 97	Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (usually BBA)
BBRA	Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999
BC/BS	Blue Cross/Blue Shield
BCMA	Bar Code Medication Administration
BI	Brain Injury
BLS	Basic Life Support
BME	Board of Medical Examiners
BMH	Bryn Mawr Hospital
BMI	Body Mass Index
BMQA	Board of Medical Quality Assurance
BMRH	Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital
BOD	Board of Directors
Bx	Biopsy
CABG	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
CAE	Certified Association Executive
CAE	Critical Access Hospital
	Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (formerly Consumer Assessment of Health Plans
CAHPS [®]	Study; see also HCAHPS®)
CAMU	California Public Employees Retirement System
CAMH	Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (JCAHO)
CanCORS	Cancer Care Outcomes and Surveillance Consortium

Aoronym	Definition
Acronym CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CARF	Commission on Acreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CARF	Computerized Axial Tomography
CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CBT	Congressional Budget Office Computer Based Training
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CCR	Cost Coverage Ratio
CCRC	Continuous Care Retirement Community
CCs	Complications & Comorbidities
CCU	Critical Care Unit (also ICU—Intensive Care Unit)
CCU	Cardiac Care Unit
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDHP	Consumer Driven Health Plans
CDM	Charge Description Master
CDR	Computerized Data Repository
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CHA	Catholic Health Association
CHC	Community Health Center
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CIO	Chief Information Officer
ClinDOC	Nursing Clinical Documentation
CM	Case Manager
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMG	Case Mix Group
CMI	Case Mix Index
CMI	Case Mix Index
СМО	Chief Medical Officer (also called VPMA, Vice President of Medical Affairs)
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly HCFA; see HCFA)
CMWF	Commonwealth Fund
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985
COE	Center of Excellence
COI	Conflict of Interest
COLA	Cost Of Living Adjustment
CON	Certificate of Need
COO	Chief Operating Officer
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
COS	Chief of Staff
COTH	Council of Teaching Hospitals
COW	Computer on Wheels
CPA	Certified Public Accountant
CPG	Clinical Practice Guidelines
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPOE	Computer Physician (or Provider) Order Entry
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
CPX	Complete Physicial Exam
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CRRN	Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse
CT	Cardiothoracic
СТ	Computed Tomography
CTICU	Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit

Acronym	Definition Definition
CVD	Cardiovascular Disease
D&O	Directors and Officers (insurance)
D.O.	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
DAM	Drug Allergy Module
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DME	Direct Medical Education
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DNFB	Discharged Not Final Billed
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate Order
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DOD	Department of Defense
DOH	Department of Health
DOJ	Department of Justice
DRG	Diagnosis Related Group(s)
DrP.H.	Doctor of Public Health
DSH	Disproportionate Share Hospital
DUR	Drug Utilization Review
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis
Dx	Diagnosis
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EBM	Evidence-Based Medicine
EBRI	Employee Benefit Research Institute
ECF	Extended Care Facility
ECG	Electrocardiography (aka EKG)
ECU	Extended Care Unit
ED	Emergency Department
EEG	Electroencephalography
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EHIM	Electronic Health Information Management
EHR	Executive Health Resources
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EHR	Evidence-Based Hospital Referral
EKG	Electrocardiography (aka ECG)
ELSI	Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications Research Program
EMG	Electromyography
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
ENT	Ear, Nose, and Throat
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOC	Evidence of Coverage
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPO	Exclusive Provider Organization
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
ER	Emergency Room (a.k.a. ED, Emergency Department)
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease
EU	European Union
FACHE	Fellow, American College of Healthcare Executives
FACOG	Fellow, American College of Destetricians and Gynecologists
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Acronym	Definition
FACP	Fellow, American College of Physicians
FACS	Fellow, American College of Surgeons
FAH	Federation of American Hospitals
FAHS	Federation of American Health Systems
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEHBP	Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FFS	Fee for Service
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FIM	Functional Independence Measure
FMEA	Failure Mode and Effects Analysis
FP	Family Practice or Practitioner
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FQHMO	Federally Qualified Health Maintenance Organization
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year
FYE	Fiscal Year End/Ending
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAMP	General Assistance Medical Program
GAO	Government Accountability Office (U.S.; formerly General Accounting Office)
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GME	Graduate Medical Education
GMENAC	Graduation Medical Education National Advisory Committee
GNP	Gross National Product
GP	General Practitioner
GPO	Group Purchasing Organization
GPWW	Group Practice Without Walls
GSA	Group Service Agreement
GYN	Gynecology or Gynecologist
H&P	History and Physical
HAC	Hospital Acquired Condition
HAI	Hospital Acquired Infection
HCAHPS®	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Survey (See also CAHPS®)
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration (now named CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
HCN	Home Care Network
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System
HDHP	High Deductible Health Plan
HDL	High Density Lipoprotein ("good cholesterol")
HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HF	Heart Failure
HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Association
HGP	Human Genome Project
HHS	Heatlh and Human Services
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America (now merged with AAHP to form AHIP)
HIMSS	Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
HIN	Health Information Network (also known as Regional Health Information Organization, or RHIO)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996
HIPC	Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative
HIT	Health Information Technology
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
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Acronym	Definition
HL7	Health Level 7
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HMS	Healthcare Management System
HPSA	Health Provider Shortage Area
HQA	Hospital Quality Alliance
HQID	Hospital Quality Incentive Demonstration (CMS/Premier)
	Health Risk Assessment
HRA	Health Research and Educational Trust
HRET	
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HSA	Health Savings Account
HSMR	Hospital Standardized Mortality Rate
1&O	Intake and Output
I/P	Inpatient
IAM	Identity Access Management
IBC	Independence Blue Cross
IBNR	Incurred but not Reported
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision Clinical Modification
ICP	Infection Control Practitioner
ICRA	Infection Control Risk Assessment
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IDN	Integrated Delivery Network
IDS	Integrated Delivery System
IEC	Independent Ethics Committee (also called Institutional Review Board, or IRB)
IG	Inspector General
IHF	International Hospital Federation
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IM	Internal Medicine
IME	Indirect Medical Education
IMG	International Medical Graduate
IMQ	Institute for Medical Quality
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
IOM	Institute of Medicine
IPA	Independent Practice Association
IPO	Independent Practice Organization
IPO	Initial Public Offering
IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IRB	Institutional Review Board (also called Independent Ethics Committee, or IEC)
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IT	Information Technology (also called Information System, or IS)
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
JC	The Joint Commission (formerly JCAHO)
JCAHO	Joint Commission (formerly 3CATIO) Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (now JC)
JHS	Jefferson Health System
KFF	Kaiser Family Foundation
	Local Area Network
LAN	
LCD	Local Coverage Determination (Decision)
LIMB	Lankenau Hospital
LIMR	Lankenau Institute for Medical Research
LOS	Length of Stay
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse

A	Healthcare Acronyms
Acronym	Definition
LSC	Life Safety Code
LTC	Long-Term Care
LTD	Long-Term Disability Licensed Vocational Nurse
LVN	
M.B.A.	Master of Business Administration
M.D.	Doctor of (Allopathic) Medicine
M.H.A.	Master of Health Administration
M.P.H.	Master of Public Health
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor
MAK	Medication Administration Checking
MAP	Medical Audit Program
MAR	Meciation Adminsitration Record
MBWA	Management By Walking Around
MCCs	Major Complications & Comorbidities
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MDS	Minimum Data Set
MEC	Medical Executive Committee
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Committee
MedPar	Medicare Provider Analysis and Review
MER	Medication Errors Reporting Program (usually MER program)
MFS	Medicare Fee Schedule
MGCRB	Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board
MGMA	Medical Group Management Association
MI	Myocardial Infarction (heart attack; a.k.a. acute myocardial infarction or AMI)
MIA	Medically Indigent Adult
MIS	Management Information System
MLA	Main Line Affiliates
MLH	Main Line Health
MLH & CCA	Main Line Health & Certain Controlled Affiliates
MLHC	Main Line HealthCare
MLHL	Main Line Health Laboratories
MLHR	Main Line Health Realty
MLHS	Main Line Health System
MMA	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003
MMR	Measles, Mumps, Rubella
MOB	Medical Office Building
MOC	Medical Operations Committee
MOH	Ministry of Health
MOS	Measure of Success
MPI	Master Patient Index
MQS	Minimum Quality Standards
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MRN	Medical Record Number
MSA	Medical Savings Account (now Health Savings Account or HSA)
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MSDRG	Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Group
MSG	Multispecialty Group
MSO	Management Services Organization
MSW	Medical Social Worker
N/A	Not Applicable
NACHGR	National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research National Association of HMO Regulators
NAHMOR	
NAHQ	National Association for Healthcare Quality

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Acronym	Definition
NAIC	National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NAPH	National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NBCH	National Business Coalition on Health
NBGH	National Business Group on Health (formerly the Washington Business Group on Health or WBGH)
NBME	National Board of Medical Examiners
NCCAM	National Center for Complimentary and Alternative Medicine
NCDR	National Cardiovascular Data Registry
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCID	National Center for Infectious Diseases
NCMHD	National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCQHC	National Committee for Quality Health Care
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
NDNQI	National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators
NEJM	New England Journal of Medicine
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NHGRI	National Human Genome Research Institute
NHLBI	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
NHPF	National Health Policy Forum
NHS	National Health Service (United Kingdom)
NIA	National Institute on Aging
NIAMS	National Institutes of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Skin Diseases
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIHCM	National Institute for Health Care Management
NIOSH	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NLM	National Library of Medicine
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule Making
NPSF	National Patient Safety Foundation
NPSG	National Patient Safety Goal
NQF	National Quality Forum
NR	Nursing
NRC	National Research Corporation
O.D.	Doctor of Optometry
O/P	Outpatient
OB	Obstetrics or Obstetrician
OB/GYN	Obstetrician and Gynecologist
	Office of the Inspector General
OIG OMB	Office of Management and Budget
	Once of Management and Budget Out-of-Network
OON OOP	Out-of-Network Out-of-Pocket (Payments)
OPC	
	Outpatient Clinic
OR	Operating Room
OSG	Office of the Surgeon General
OSHA	Occupational Health and Safety Administration
OT	Occupational Therapy
OTC	Over the Counter (Drug)
P&L	Profit and Loss

A	nealthcare Acronyms
Acronym	Definition Proof before and Orthodica
P&O	Prosthetics and Orthotics
P4P	Pay-for-performance
PA	Physician Assistant
PACS	Picture Archival Computer Systems (mainly radiology)
PACU	Post-Anesthesia Care Unit
PARF	Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
PAT	Preadmission Testing
PBT	Participating Tax-Exempt Bond Transaction
PCI	Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
PCN	Primary Care Network
PCM	Patient Care Manager
PCP	Primary Care Physician (or Provider)
PE	Pulmonary Embolism
PET	Positron Emission Tomography
PGY	Postgraduate Year
PH	Paoli Hospital
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy
PharmD	Doctor of Pharmacy
PHC4	Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
PHCQA	Pennsylvania HealthCare Quality Alliance
PHI	Protected Heatlh Information
PHO	Physician–Hospital Organization
PhRMA	Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
PHS	Public Health Services
PI	Performance Improvement
PICU	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
PICU	Pulmonary Intensive Care Unit
PMPM	Per Member Per Month
PN	Pneumonia
POA	Present on Admission
POA	Plan of Action
POC	Plan of Correction
POS	Point of Service
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPI	Producer Price Index
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PPR	Periodic Performance Review
PPRVU	Professional Practice Relative Value Unit
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PRN	Physician Referral Network
PRN	As (often as) or if necessary
PRO	Peer Review Organization
PRRB	Provider Reimbursement Review Board
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Point
PSI	Patient safety indicator
PSQIA	Patient Safety & Quality Improvement Act
PT	Physical Therapy/Therapist
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Control
QI	Quality Improvement
QIC	Qualified Independent Contractor
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization (CMS)
QM	Quality Management
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Acronym	Definition
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
QR	Quality Review
QTR	Quarter
RAC	Recovery Audit Contractors
RBRVS	Resource-Based Relative Value Scale
RCA	Root Cause Analysis
REIT	Real Estate Investment Trust
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification Device
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organization
RHQDAPU	Reporting Hospital Quality Data Annual Payment Update
RIC	Rehabilitation Impairment Category
RICO	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act
RM	Risk Management
RN	Registered Nurse
ROA	Return on Assets
ROE	Return on Equity
ROI	Return on Investment
RRC	Residency Review Commission
RRT	Rapid Response Team
RVS	Relative Value Scale
RVU	Relative Value Unit
RW	Relative Weight
RWJF	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Rx	Prescription
S&P	Standard & Poor's
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SCH	Sole Community Hospital
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
SCI	Spinal Cord Injury
SCIP	Surgical Care Improvement Project
SEC	Securities Exchange Commission
SEIU	Service Employees International Union
SG	Surgeon General
SHCC	State/Statewide Health Coordinating Council
SHP	Specified Health Professional
SICU	Surgical Intensive Care Unit
SmartChart	MLH branding for the entire Soarian suite of products
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOA	Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX is used frequently as well)
ST	Speech Therapy
STAT	Sooner than already there, or immediately (from the Latin statim)
T&E	Travel & Expense
TCC	Transitional Care Center
TPA	Third-Party Administrator
TQI/TQM	Total Quality Improvement/Management
UB-92	Uniform Billing Code of 1992
UBI	Unrelated Business Income
UCR	Usual, Customary, and Reasonable (Charges)
UDS	Uniform Data System
UR	Utilization Review
URAC	Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (now known as URAC)
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Acronym	Definition
VA	Veterans Administration/Affairs
VBP	Value Based Purchasing
VNA	Visiting Nurses Association
VO	Verbal Orders
VPMA	Vice President of Medical Affairs
VTE	Venous Thromboembolism
WAN	Wide Area Network
WC	Wheelchair
WHI	Women's Health Initiative
WHO	World Health Organization
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children (a federal assistance program)
WKKF	W.K. Kellogg Foundation
WNV	West Nile Virus
YTD	Year-to-Date
ZEBRA	Zero Balanced Reimbursement Account