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AAAASF - American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities

AAFP - American Academy of Family Physicians

AAMC - Association of American Medical Colleges

AAMSE - American Association of Medical Society Executives

ABPS - American Board of Plastic Surgeons

ACF - Administration for Children and Families

ACK - General Acknowledgment Message

ACR - American College of Radiology

ACS - American College of Surgeons

ADL - Activities of Daily Living

ADSL - Asymmetric digital Subscriber Line

AHIMA - American Health Information Management Association

AHRQ - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

ALF - Assisted Living Facility

AMA - American Medical Association

ANSI - American National Standards Institute

ASA - American Society of Anesthesiologists

ASAPS - American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery

ASC X12 - Accredited Standards Committee X12

ASO - Administrative Services Only Agreement

ASP - Application Service Provider

ASPS - American Society of Plastic Surgeons

ASTM - American Society for Testing and Materials

BPS - Bits per Second

CAH - Critical Access Hospital

CALS - Consolidated Accreditation and Licensure Survey

CBO - Congressional Budget Office

CCOW - Clinical Context Object Workgroup

CCR - Continuity of Care Records

CCRC - Continuing Care Retirement Community

CDA - Clinical Document Architecture

CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CEN - The Comite European de Normalisation

CFP - Care Focused Purchasing

CHC - Community Health Center

CME - Continuing Medical Education

CMR - Computerized Medical Record

CMS - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

COBRA - Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985

CPI - Consumer Price Index

CPOE - Computerized Provider Order Entry

CPR - Computerized Patient Record

CRS - Congressional Research Service

DBMS - Database Management System

DFT - Detailed Financial Transaction message

DICOM - Digital Imaging and Communication

DME - Durable Medical Equipment

DOC - Department of Corrections

DOQ-IT - Doctors Office Quality and Information Technology Program

DRA - Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

DRG - Diagnosis-Related Group

DSH - Disproportionate Share Hospital Adjustment

DSL - Digital Subscriber Line

EDI - Electronic Data Interchange

EDIFACT - Electronic Data Interchange For Administration, Commerce and Transport

EHR - Electronic Health Record

EMR - Electronic Medical Record

EOE - Electronic Order Entry

EPR - Electronic Patient Record

EPSDT - Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services

ERISA - Employee Retirement Income Security Act

ESRD - End-Stage Renal Disease

EUCLIDES - European Clinical Data Exchange Standards

FDA - Food and Drug Administration

FEHBP - Federal Employees Health Benefits Program

FFS - Fee-for-Service

FMAP - Federal Medical Assistance Percentage

FPL - Federal Poverty Level

FQHC - Federally Qualified Health Center

FTP - File Transfer Protocol

FY - Fiscal Year

GAO - Government Accountability Office

GME - Graduate Medical Education Payment

GUI - Graphical User Interface

HAS - Health Savings Account

HCBS - Home and Community-Based Services

HCFA - Health Care Financing Administration

HEDIS - Health Plan Employer Data & Information Set

HHA - Home Health Agency

HHS - Department of Health and Human Services

HI - Hospital Insurance Trust Fund

HIFA - Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability Demonstration Initiative

HIMSS - Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

HIN - Health Information Network

HIPAA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 1996

HISB - American National Standards Institute's Healthcare Informatics Standards Board

HIT - Health Information Technology

HL7 - Health Level 7

HMO - Health Maintenance Organization

HOA - Health Opportunity Account

HPSA - Health Professional Shortage Area

HRA - Health Reimbursement Arrangement/Account

HRSA - Health Resources and Services Administration

HTML - Hyper Text Markup Language

HTTP - Hyper Text Transfer Protocol

IADL - Instrumental Activities of Daily Living

ICSI - Institute for Clinical Systems Integration

IDCOP - Idealized Design for Clinical Office Practice

IDS - Integrated Delivery System

IGT - Intergovernmental Transfer

IHI - Institute for HealthCare Improvement

IHS - Indian Health Service

IMQ - Institute for Medical Quality

IMR - Independent Medical Review organizations

IOM - Institute of Medicine

IP - Internetworking Protocol

IPA - Independent Practice Association

ISDN - Integrated Services Digital Network

IT - Information Technology

JAMA - Journal of the American Medical Association

JCAHO - Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

LAN - Local Area Network

LTC - Long-Term Care

MA-PD - Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug

MCH - Maternal and Child Health

MCO - Managed Care Organization

MedPAC - Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

MEWA - Multiple Employer Welfare Association

MMA - Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003

MSA - Medical Savings Account

MSP - Medicare Savings Program

NAHDO - National Association of Health Data Organizations

NAHIT - National Alliance for Health Information Technology

NAS - National Academy of Sciences

NCQA - National Committee for Quality Assurance

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NDEP - National Diabetes of Health

NIH - National Institutes of Health

NP/RNP - Nurse Practitioner (Registered)

NPI - National Provider Identifier

NQF - National Quality Forum

NSF - National Science Foundation

OCR - Optical Character Recognition

OMB - Office of Management and Budget

ONCHIT - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

OSI Model - Open Systems Interconnection Model

P4P - Pay for Performance

PACE - Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

PACS - Picture Archiving and Communication Systems

PBGH - Pacific Business Group on Health

PBM - Pharmacy Benefit Manager

PBX - Private Branch Exchange

PCCM - Primary Care Case Management

PDA - Personal Digital Assistant

PDP - Prescription Drug Program

PDSA - Plan, Do, Study, Act approach

PEHRC - Physicians Electronic Health Record Coalition

PHI - Protected Health Information

PHR - Personal Health Record

PHS - U.S. Public Health Service

PHSSEF - Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund

PKI - Public Key Infrastructure

POS - Point-of-Service Plan

PPO - Preferred Provider Organization

PPS - Prospective Payment System

PSI - Patient Safety Institute

PSO - Patient Safety Organization

QALY - Quality-Adjusted Life Years

QIO - Quality Improvement Organization

QMB - Qualified Medicare Beneficiary

RBRVS - Resource-Based Relative Value Scale

RFI - Request for Information

RHIO - Regional Health Information Organization

ROI - Return on Investment

RPG - Research Project Grant (NIH)

RRB - Railroad Retirement Bond

RVS - Relative Value Scale

SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SAN - Storage Area Network

SBHP - Small Business Health Plan

SCHIP - State Health Insurance Assistance Program

SGR - Sustainable Growth Rate

SIG - Special Interest Group

SLMB - Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary

SMI - Supplementary Medical Insurance

SNF - Skilled Nursing Facility

SSA - Social Security Administration

SSDI - Social Security Disability Income

SSL - Secure Sockets Layer

STAR*D - Sequenced Treatment Alternatives to Relieve Depression

TANF - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

TMA - Transitional Medical Assistance

TOPS - Tracking Operations and Outcomes for Plastic Surgeons

TPA - Third Party Administrator

UPIN - Medicare Unique Physician Identification Number

UPL - Upper Payment Limit

UR - Utilization Review

VPN - Virtual Private Network

WAP - Wireless Application Protocol

WEDI - Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange

WRHCS - Walter Reed Health Care System