

Chapter One – Appendix B

ACRONYMS

Note: There is a very extensive list of acronyms on the Web site of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, at <https://www.cms.gov/apps/acronyms/>.

AAA	Area Agency on Aging
ACA	Affordable Care Act of 2010 (also referred to as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010)
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ALF	Assisted Living Facility
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig’s disease)
AoA	Administration on Aging
APS	Adult Protective Services
BBA	Balanced Budget Act
CAHPS	Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Study
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (now a managed care system known as TRICARE)
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs
CHAP	Consumer Health Assistance Program
CHDR	Center for Health Dispute Resolution
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
CCAD	Community Care for the Aged and Disabled
DAB	Departmental Appeals Board
DADS	Department of Aging and Disability Services
DFPS	Department of Family and Protective Services
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DRG	Diagnosis-Related Groups
DSHS	Department of State Health Services
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease
EOMB	Explanation of Medicare Benefits
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FQHC	Federal Qualified Health Centers
GHP	(Employer) Group Health Program
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration, now called Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
HEDIS	Health Employer Data and Information Set
HHSC	Texas Health and Human Services Commission

HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act
HICAP	Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HMOPOS	
IHFSP	In-Home Family Support Program (DADS)
LHT	Legal Hotline for Texans
LIS	Low-Income Subsidy
MA	Medicare Advantage
M + C	Medicare plus Choice Organization
MEW	Medicaid Eligibility Worker
MIPPA	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008
MMA	Medicare Modernization Act of 2003
MQMB	Medicaid Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Medicaid
MSA	Medical Savings Account
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice
NF	Nursing Facility
NHIC	National Heritage Insurance Company
NMEP	National Medicare Education Program
OAA	Older Americans Act
OASDI	Old Age Survivors and Disability Insurance
PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PCIP	Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PFFS	Private Fee-for-Service
POMS	Program Operations Manual System (of Social Security)
POS	Point of Service Organization
PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (also referred to as the Affordable Care Act of 2010)
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PRO	Peer Review Organization
PSO	Provider Sponsored Organization
QDWI	Qualified Disabled and Working Individual
QI	Qualified Individual
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (Quimby)
REACH	Regional Education about Choices in Health
RFBS	Religious Fraternal Benefit Society Plan
RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
SEP	Special Election Period
SLMB	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (Slimby)
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as “food stamps”)
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (now, TTY is used – see below)
TDI	Texas Department of Insurance
TLSC	Texas Legal Services Center
TRS	Telecommunications Relay Service (for instance, Relay Texas)
TTY	Text Telephone
VA	Veterans Administration

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